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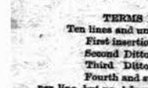
SHIPPING.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, & CALCUTTA.



The British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above, with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fourteen days.

The Steam-ship ARABIA, 1,027 tons, 200 H. P., Commander J. Saunders, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 7th December at noon.

	Dec.		Dec.
Leave Bombay	7	Leave Galle	14
„ Carwar	8	„ Negapatam	17
„ Mangalore	9	„ Madras	20
„ Cannanore	10	„ Coconada	22
„ Calicut	10	„ Vizagapatam	23
„ Beypore	10	„ Bimlipatam	23
„ Cochin	11	„ Gopalpore	24
„ Tuticorin	12	„ False Point	25
„ Colombo	13	Arrive Calcutta	28

This route is the most expeditious and economical for Passengers for the Neilgherrie district, Bangalore, and Madras, who can land at Calicut for Beypore, and proceed from thence by rail.

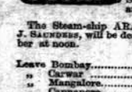
Passengers for Calcutta can take the same route, picking up the steamer at Madras.

No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF VIA KURRACHEE.

(Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussorah, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.)



The British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited) under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at Kurrachee, Guadur, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Lingu, Bushire, Fao, Mahomerah, and Bussorah.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE

The British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the Weekly Service from England, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every Monday at noon.

The steam-ship KURRACHEE, 510 tons, 120 H. P., Commander A. Corvine, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 6th December, at noon.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM FERRIES (under contract with Government),—Steam Ferry Boats will ply across the Harbour daily, stopping at the undermentioned Bunders:—

Exes from Bombay to	Bewas.	Dhurumtur.	Butchers Island and Oorun.	Oolwa.
	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.
First Class	2 0	3 0	2 0	3 0
Second Class	0 12	1 0	0 0	1 0
Third Class	0 6	0 8	0 4	0 9

The Dhurumtur Ferry leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8 A.M., and Dhurumtur at 1 P.M.

The Oolwa Ferry leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8-30 A.M., and Oolwa at 1 P.M.

Passengers are required to obtain Tickets from the Bunder Clerk previous to proceeding on board.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

Bombay, 5th November 1867.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST.

Steamers LORD CLYDE, GENERAL HAVELOCK, GENERAL OUTRAM, and TILLY.

ONE of the above Steamers will be despatched every week to and from the Malabar Coast, calling at the intermediate Ports on the following days:—

Down Steamers.		Up Steamers.	
Leave Bombay	Saturday.	Leave Cochin	Friday.
„ Ratnagherry	Sunday.	„ Beypore	Saturday.
„ Malwan	„	„ Calicut	„
„ Vingorla	„	„ Tellicherry	„
„ Goa	Monday.	„ Cannanore	„
„ Carwar	„	„ Mangalore	Sunday.
„ Compta	„	„ Compta	Monday.
„ Mangalore	Tuesday.	„ Carwar	„
„ Cannanore	Wednesday.	„ Goa	Tuesday.
„ Tellicherry	„	„ Vingorla	„
„ Calicut	„	„ Malwan	„
„ Beypore	„	„ Ratnagherry	Wednesday.
Arrive Cochin	Thursday.	Arrive Bombay	Thursday.

The Steamer GENERAL OUTRAM, Captain Teasdale, will be despatched according to the above table on SATURDAY, the 4th instant, at 4 P.M.

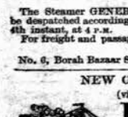
For freight and passage apply to

NOWROJEE BHICAJEE, Manager.

No. 6, Borah Bazaar Street, 1st December, 1869.

NEW OVERLAND ROUTE.

(via SUEZ CANAL.)



LA COMPAGNIE MARC FRAISSINET PERE et FILS of Marseilles beg to announce, that they are about to establish a DIRECT STEAM SERVICE between BOMBAY and MARSEILLES, via the SUEZ CANAL, thus dispensing with the necessity of transhipment of Goods and Passengers at Suez and Alexandria.

In accordance with the above the steam ship ASIE, Captain Lapeirere, will be despatched from Bombay about the 15th December next, and will be followed, at intervals of five weeks time, by large and powerful steamers specially built for this service.

PASSENGER RATES.

(Inclusive of Wines, and all transit fees through the Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.
To Aden	£ 25	£ 15
„ Suez	„ 40	„ 22-10
„ Port Said	„ 42	„ 24
„ Marseilles	„ 56	„ 36

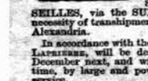
For further particulars, rates of Freight, &c., apply to

KUNKLER, PREISWERCK, & Co., Agents.

Elphinstone Circle, 9th November, 1869.

FOR LONDON.

(To sail early in January 1870, calling at Cannanore if sufficient inducement offer.)



MESSRS. GREEN'S favorite Passenger Ship the WINDSOR CASTLE, Tons 1250, Douglas, Commander. This fine Vessel has excellent accommodation for Passengers, and carries an experienced Surgeon. For particulars apply to

RITCHIE, STEUART, & Co.

Bombay, 29th November 1869.

NOTICE.—CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Ship EAST, Captain Callanden, arrived from Moulmain with a Timber Cargo, are requested to forward their Delivery Orders, accompanied by Bills of Lading, for our countersignature, and to pay their Freight to us and to send off boats at once for the Cargo, otherwise the Goods will be landed as they come to hand at the expense and risk of the consignees.

MERWANJEE NUSSERWANJEE,
Agent for Captain and Owners.

Apollo Street, Bombay, 29th November 1869.

ISAAC BROWN,

SHIP AND HOUSE PLUMBER, PAINTER, GLAZIER, GASFITTER, BELL HANGER, PAPER HANGER, and GENERAL DECORATOR.

ZINC AND TIN WORKER, COPPERSMITH WORK AND BRASS AND IRON CASTINGS UNDERTAKEN.

All orders punctually attended to on the most favourable terms.

Office No. 1, Tamarind Lane, opposite Royal Hotel, Fort.

Works carried on No. 26, A. Grant Road.

BYCULLA IRON WORKS.

RICHARDSON AND ROBSON,

SUCCESSORS TO MESSRS. DIXON AND Co.,

IRON AND BRASS FOUNDERS, SMITHS, ENGINEERS, AND COMMISSION AGENTS.

MANUFACTURERS OF

COTTON PRESSES, GIRDERS, BOILERS, PUMPS, TANKS, IRON GATES AND RAILINGS, &c., &c.

FRAUD.

On the 27th June, 1868, Motherwallah, a Printer, was convicted at the Supreme Court, Calcutta, of counterfeiting the LABELS of Messrs. CROSSE & BLACKWELL, London, and was sentenced by Mr. Justice Pinsar to

TWO YEARS' RIGOROUS IMPRISONMENT.

And on the 30th of the same month, for SELLING SPURIOUS ARTICLES, bearing Labels in imitation of Messrs. CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S, SHAIK BACHOO was sentenced, by the Suburban Magistrate at Sealdah, to

TWO YEARS' RIGOROUS IMPRISONMENT.

CAUTION.—Any one SELLING SPURIOUS OILMEN'S STORES, under Crosse & Blackwell's name, will be liable to the same punishment, and will be vigorously prosecuted. Purchasers are recommended to examine all goods carefully before taking delivery of them. The Genuine Manufactures of Messrs. Crosse & Blackwell may be had from every respectable Dealer in India.

SHIPPING.

OVERLAND FREIGHT ROUTE.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL, LONDON, TRIESTE, MARSEILLES, BRINDISI, VENICE, NAPLES, LEGHORN, GENOA, BARCELONA, HAVRE, ADEN, AND SUEZ.

THE Bombay and Bengal Steam Ship Company, under arrangements with other first class lines of Steamers from Alexandria, undertake to give through Bills of Lading for Goods via Egypt to the above and most other Continental Ports.

A limited number of passengers can be accommodated.

Rates of Fare.

To Suez—1st class £40, 2nd class £25. } Exclusive
To Trieste—1st class £53, 2nd class £34. } of Wines.

Passengers by or for our Steamers will be furnished with First-class Tickets between Alexandria and Marseilles by Messrs. Fraissinet & Co.'s line for £10; making the passage-money between Bombay and Marseilles £50, exclusive of transit in Egypt.

We have arranged our departures from Bombay so as to arrive immediately before the departure of Messrs. Fraissinet's Steamer from Alexandria and avoid delay to passengers. The Marseilles Boats leave Alexandria every Thursday morning.

Steamers will leave Bombay every three weeks.

For Freight or Passage apply to Messrs. Stephen, Kennard & Co., London; Messrs. Tod, Kennard & Co., Liverpool; Messrs. Tod, Ralthorne & Co., Alexandria; Austrian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company, Trieste and Venice; Messrs. Fraissinet Pere et Fils, Marseilles; and Messrs. R. Rubattino and Co., Genoa; or to the undersigned in Bombay.

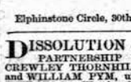
The Steam-ship MAGDALA, 2,200 Tons, Captain Thomson, will be despatched on 20th December.

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION WITH ENGLAND.

On Saturday, the 4th December, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.



THE P. & O. Co.'s S. S. COLUMBIAN, (2,180 tons, and 500 H. P.), Captain. Geo. Hyde, will LEAVE FOR SUEZ as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, also Passengers and Cargo for that Port, Marseilles, Southampton, &c.

Cargo can also be booked through to Trieste, Venice, Genoa, Barcelona and Havre, Liverpool, or London.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 11 A.M. on Friday, the 3rd proximo.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon before 10 A.M. on the day of the Steamer's departure, in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon for the convenience of Passengers at 3 P.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

ALFRED PARISH, Acting Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Rampart Row, Bombay, 29th November 1869.

STEAM SHIP NEERA having arrived with CARGO ex ISIS 16th October, and MEMPHIS 22nd October, Consignees are requested to present Bills of Lading at the Office of the undersigned, and take delivery of their Goods at the Bores Bunder.

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.

Bombay, 30th November 1869.

NOTICE.—Consignees of Cargo per Ship SOLWAY, arrived from Calcutta, are requested to send Boats at once to take delivery, otherwise the same will be landed by the Captain at the risk and expense of the concerned.

DAVID SASSOON & Co.

Bombay, 30th November 1869.

SUN FIRE OFFICE.

Established 1710.

The undersigned grant Insurance against loss by Steam Buildings and their Contents in Bombay and at the Out-Stations at current rates. Also on Ships in Harbour.

The rate on pucka-built Bungalows in the Suburbs of Bombay, and in the Mofussil, has lately been reduced to three-eighths per cent. per annum.

PEEL, CASSELS, & Co., Agents.

NOTICE.—TO BE SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, in H. M.'s Dockyard, on FRIDAY the 10th December 1869, H. M.'s Steamer CORMORANDEL, of 1221 tons, and 250 Horse Power, now on the stands on the day of sale.

Terms of Sale.—The sale of the Vessel will not be considered final until the acceptance of the offer is sanctioned by Government. A Deposit of 10 per cent. is to be immediately paid down at the time of sale, and good Security given by the Purchasers for the payment of the remainder, which must be paid within eight days after the acceptance of the offer by Government, or the Deposit will be forfeited, and the Vessel resold for the benefit of the State.

For further particulars apply to the undersigned.

W. T. CROCKETT, Lieut., late I. N.,
Acting Marine Storekeeper.

Marine Storekeeper's Office, Bombay, 29th November 1869.

SKY RACES, 1870.—A MEETING will be HELD in the Town Hall on THURSDAY next, the 2nd December, at 4 P.M. Gentlemen are requested to attend.

MAZAGON LAND and RECLAMATION COMPANY (Limited).—TO LET, from TO-MORROW the 1st December, HOUSES Nos. 5 and 31, at Mazagon. Rent Rs. 45 and 50 respectively.

For further particulars apply to Mr. G. Gahagan, the Company's Traffic Manager.

RITCHIE, STEUART, & Co., Secretaries and Treasurers.

Elphinstone Circle, 30th November 1869.

DISSOLUTION of PARTNERSHIP.—THE PARTNERSHIP hitherto existing between ARTHUR CREWLEY THORNHILL, ABDOOL TYEB SOOLAMONJEE, and WILLIAM PYM, under the name and title of THORNHILL and Co., Watchmakers and Jewellers, CEASED, as far as regards the said A. C. Thornhill, on the 30th April 1868, and was finally dissolved between the said A. T. Soolamonjee and W. Pym, by effluxion of time and mutual consent, on this date.

A. T. SOOLAMONJEE.
WILLIAM PYM.

30th November 1869.

WATCH and CLOCK REPAIRING.—As we shall on THIS DAY close our business in Bombay, we beg to recommend to our Customers, who may require repairs to their Watches, Clocks, Musical Boxes, &c, &c, Mr. PESTONJEE FRAMJEE, who has been for many years in our employ, and who had commenced business at No. 6, Forbes Street, Fort, next door to John Mahomed. He is very clever and trustworthy.

THORNHILL & Co.

30th November 1869.

Hang up the Banner! On the outer walls the cry is, "Still He comes!!"

WHITEMAN.

YANKEE NOTIONS.

To please, gratify, and refresh dull life here, and for the Christmas Holidays especially, a large variety have been personally selected and brought out in the last Ice Ship, from that mighty Land of Wooden Nutmegs where the Sun never stands still, and are FOR SALE and EXHIBITION in Meadow Street, next door to Messrs. Rossclet & Co.

Unarbonized and indestructible pens, straight key-rings, corkscrews without any screw, pocket boot-jacks, sewing machines (only 1 rupee each), 6 barrelled watch-keys to fit any watch, and pipe cleaners (for two annas), air, arrow and blast guns, parlour hammers, bill folders, brushes, whisps, straws blacking, corks, silver, glass, tooth, grease and tobacco soaps, individual salts, spring rocking chairs, mousetraps, eggbeaters, toys (self acting), dolls, whistles, tops, India rubber faces, mats, rugs and salvers, ice picks and cutters.

Tobacco—A specialty made of this article.

Some elegant chromos, Siamese bracelets, billiard chalk, tool chests, building blocks, razors, racks, squeezers, wheezers, scrapers, graters, sharpeners, strainers, drainers, holders, cleaners, turners, burners. A few relics of American Independence and the late Confederate Struggle; wooden toothpicks, files, pisan nuts, salmon, mackarel, trout, halibut, delicious breakfast appetizers &c., &c.

All for sale in Meadow Street, next door to Rossclet & Co.

MRS. LAKE'S MILLINERY ESTABLISHMENT, UXBRIDGE HOUSE, 7, CLARE ROAD, BYCULLA, BOMBAY.

EVERY DESCRIPTION of MILLINERY on HAND, kept up by supplies received OVERLAND.

A large assortment of Children's DRESSES, PELISSES, CLOAKS, HATS, HOODS, SOCKS, &c., always in Stock.

WEDDING and MOURNING ORDERS carefully attended to.

LADIES' OWN MATERIALS made up.

Orders from Out-stations must be Accompanied by Remittances or Reference for Payment in Bombay.

MRS. LAKE

Has the pleasure to inform the Ladies of Bombay, that she has JUST received Overland,

FASHIONABLE MILLINERY

as follows, viz:—

LADIES' DRESS BONNETS, Straw Hats for Ladies and Children, Infant's Hoods, Hats, Caps, and Pelisses, Babies' Socks.

RICH SILKS, SATINS, and MOIRES, in all Colours. Black and White Silks.

GRENADINES, Tarlatons, Alpaca, Merinos, Linseys, Prints, Muslins, Crepes, Paramatta.

BLACK VELVET, for Dresses.

BALL DRESSES, in all the New Colours.

Satin and Velvet RIBBONS, in the New Colours.

VELVETEEN, SILK and SERGE JACQUETTES, LOOSE HOUSE JACQUETTES.

White and Colored PETTICOATS, Muslin and Tulle Bodices, ELIZABETHAN RUFFLES IN SETS.

New PARASOLS, BALL-ROOM FANS, Honiton Lace Handkerchiefs, Bridal Veils.

Embroidered White PETTICOATS.

GAUZE VEILS, in the New Colours.

BRIDAL WREATHS, BRIDAL DRESSES, and BRIDESMAIDS' DRESSES, and WREATHS.

THE NEW LACE FLOUNCING.

The new Dress Improver, French Corsets, Stocking Feathers, Flowers, Ribbons.

Jet and Valenciaine Necklaces, Crosses, Chains, Watch Guards, Combs, Ear-rings and Brooches.

Plaited and Curled Chignons of all shades. Hair Nets.

Christy's Riding Hats for Ladies.

MOURNING of every description.

Buttons, Trimmings, Fringes, Linings, Laces, Blondes, Velvets, Wreaths, &c., in Great Variety.

KID GLOVES for Ladies and Gentlemen; Ladies' Boots, &c.

"UXBRIDGE HOUSE," BYCULLA.

December, 1869.

WANTED, a SODA WATER MACHINE, in perfect order. Apply to No. 201, Office of this Paper.

WANTED, from THREE to FIVE THOUSAND RUPEES. Security Good.—Apply to No. 11, Office of this Paper.

FOR SALE, one large size HYDRAULIC PRESS, used in a Printing Office, to be sold cheap.—Apply to G. No. 46, care of "Bombay Gazette."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LIST of UNCLAIMED LETTERS that have accumulated in the BOMBAY GENERAL POST OFFICE up to 30th November 1869.

Adams, C	Hook, J
Amidasi Manjee	Hayward, J
Alloo Ebram	Huthwaite, M, Captain
Ashekar Furmanund	Hurgovundass Bhoja
Anundrao Ragoonathjee	Hurgovund Goolalchund
Aderjee Jewanjee	Harris, G
Brown, J	Hurree Soondarjee
Burke, J C	Jaichund Jewa
Browne, M, Mrs	Joota Tricumjee
Bhicajee Dhunjeebhoy	Jackson, R
Byramjee Nusserwanjee	Jehangeer Pestonjee
Bhugwanjee V	Khursedjee Pestonjee
Bick, W F	Luiz, A C, Mrs
Barke, Mrs	Low, J, Mrs
Bulderdass H	Limjer Jumsetjee
Bhicoojee Cowasjee	Morarjee Huruckjee
Bhanjee Bhoja	Merwanjee & Co
Brodie, J L	Meerja Baker
Bhugoobhoy Pranvullubdass	Merwanjee Nusserwanjee
Byramjee Sorabjee	Manockjee Dosabhoy
Chollett,	Mackenzie, M D
Canjee Yusunjee	Moolchund R
Cursetjee Jamsetjee	Mooljee Nusserwanjee & Co
Charbat, E, Mrs	Madow Rao Canoba
Curran, P	Murzello, P J
Crabbie, J & Co	Mackintosh, Dr,
Cancon, J	Manuckchund Jugjeevun
Cursetjee Bajunjee	Manuckchund Bharnul & Co
Cowasjee Byramjee Colah	Nixon, R
Crustanjee Narayen	Nusserwanjee & Co
Duka, T	Narayen Dhonda
D'Mello, H F	Nusserwanjee Dadabhoy
Doongursey Nursey	Nusserwanjee Goostadjee
Dhunjeebhai, Mrs	Ooka Nanjee
Dhunjeebhoy Framjee Billimoria	Pestonjee Bazonjee & Co
Damodhur Jugjeevun	Purshotum Sadasew
Damodhur Gordhundass	Purshotum Madhowdass
Dawdon, Captain	Penny, C
Dadabhoy Cowasjee,	Pestonjee Dhunjeebhoy
Dale, R	Palmer Champsee
Dossabhoy Dinshaw	Pranjeevundass Vagjee
Dadabhoy Rustomjee	Peskur, W, Mrs
Dadabhoy Pestonjee	Purshotumdass Sham Senoy
Eduljee & Co	Rodgers, W
Executors of Seth Dadabhai Manockjee Wacha's Will	Randall, C, Mrs
Eduljee Cursetjee	Rajoonath Dunesh Kurkur
Eduljee Nusserwanjee & Co	Reade, S A
Eduljee Ardeser Spencer	Ramjee Samjee
Eduljee Sorabjee	Rustomjee Cursetjee
Ewell, V	Ramchundra, F
Framjee Eduljee	Rahimtoola Cadurbhoy
Fernandes, A P	Smith
Ferreira E	Stewart, D D
Fonsworth, H T	Sorabjee Dosabhoy Subadar
Framjee Eduljee	Sambhoolal Girdhurlal
Fintons, J L	Scott Nicol & Co,
Govind Megjee	Sowcking Baba
Grady, C	Scanlan, J
Gumpert, R	Turner, John
Govindjee Dhurumsee	Tookeram Bholidas
Ghellabhaw Munoredass	Tyabally Jafferally
Griffe, Miss	The Agents Chatered Bank of England
Goolam Hossain Abdoolally	Ameerjee Peerjee
Graig, J	Vrujbhookundass Nagardass
	William, F W
	Yamcin, H H H

C. A. STUART, Post Master.

NOTICES.

NOTICE of REMOVAL.

WE have THIS DAY REMOVED our BUSINESS from 1 Hummum Street to 9 Church Gate Street, the same house that the Government Telegraph Department has occupied for the last three years.

J. & W. WATSON & Co.

1st November, 1869.

GENERAL BUSINESS HOUSE.

No. 1, Bell Lane, Fort, Bombay,

For Landing and Shipping, Law Agency, Schedule of Insolvency, Arbitration and Commission.

FRANCIS AZEVEDO.

NOTICE.—Mr. J. A. CARVALHO is AUTHORIZED to SIGN for ME per procuration from THIS DAY.

Bombay, 22nd November, 1869. FRANCIS AZEVEDO.

NOTICE.—The undersigned have made arrangements to REPRESENT the following FIRMS in INDIA, viz.:—

Messrs. HATT, BROTHERS & Co., Ld., Machinists, Oldham, Messrs. HICK, HARGREAVES & Co., Engineers, &c., Bolton, Messrs. DANIEL ADAMSON & Co., Boiler Makers, &c., Newton Moor, near Manchester.

And are now prepared to EXECUTE ORDERS for every description of COTTON MACHINERY, ENGINES, BOILERS and MILL STORES.

GREAVES, COTTON, & Co.

Broach, 22nd November 1869.

NOTICE.—THE ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY having SUSPENDED PAYMENT in accordance with a Telegram received from Head Office, London, FRAMJI CAWASJI, Esquire, of this Branch will still CONTINUE to be RECEIVED by the undersigned, on behalf of the Provisional Liquidator authorized by the Court of Chancery to receive the same, but such Premia will be returned on 1st January 1870 should re-construction or arrangements with another Company be not carried out.

By order of Directors,
D. McL. SLATER, Secretary,
For Provisional Liquidator.

Bombay, 19th August, 1869.

NERBUDDA COAL and IRON COMPANY (Limited.)

Subscribed Capital Rs. 25,00,000 (£250,000).

Head Offices, 35A Mourgate Street, London, E.C.

MINES and WORKS at Chota Jubbulpore, Central Provinces.

Contingent upon the approaching completion of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway from Jubbulpore to within a short distance of the Collieries, the undersigned is prepared to enter into CONTRACTS for the SUPPLY of STEAM, HOUSE, or BUBBLE COAL, of a superior quality, any quantities up to and at the rate of 150,000 maunds per moneem.

By order,
N. WOLLASTON,
Acting Manager, N. C. & I. Company, Limited.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

"AUX VILLES DE FRANCE,"

6, Hummum Street, Fort, Bombay.

WE BEG to CALL SPECIAL ATTENTION to the arrival of our NEW STOCK for the SEASON.

Every description of Millinery, Hosiery, &c., &c., received by each Overland Mail.

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TENDER for LANDING COAL.—The BOMBAY GAS COMPANY, Limited, invites TENDERS for the LANDING and CONVEYANCE of COAL from ships in the Harbour to the Gas Works at Chinchpoogly during the year 1870. The Specification can be seen, and all information obtained, at the Office, 1 Church Lane, Fort. Sealed tenders, endorsed "Tender for Landing Coal," to be addressed to the undersigned, and sent in at or before noon of the 10th December. The Company does not undertake to accept the lowest or any other Tender.

C. GAUDIN,
Resident Engineer and Manager.

Bombay, 29th November 1869.

NOTICE.—SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Office of the undersigned up to 2 P.M. on FRIDAY, the 3rd proximo, from parties willing to undertake the work of constructing drains to carry off waste water from the Wells on the west side of the Warrant Officers' Quarters on the Esplanade.

The Plan and Specifications of the works can be seen, and other particulars learnt, on application during Office hours.

No reasons will be assigned for the rejection of the lowest or any Tender.

Tenders are to be made on printed forms only, which will be supplied from this Office.

KAHANDAS MUNCHARAM,
Executive Engineer, Presidency.

Office of Executive Engineer, Presidency, Bombay, 29th November 1869.

TENDERS will be received by the Superintendent of Marine up to 1 P.M. on THURSDAY next, the 2nd proximo, for the CONVEYANCE HENCE to the ANDAMANS of about one hundred and thirty-seven Native CONVICTS, with two Native Warders and the proportionate Military Guard, and one subordinate Medical Officer, for which latter Officer a Cabin Passage and First Class Rations must be provided.

Fifty days' Provisions, Water, Firewood, &c., for the whole of the above party, and fittings for Convicts only, are to be supplied by the Owners, Agents, or Masters of the Vessels, the Provisions put on board being subject after arrival to the inspection of, and to rejection by, the Executive Commissariat Officer at the Presidency.

5. Medicines will be provided by the Medical Department, the cost of which is to be borne by the Owners, Agents, or Master of the Vessel.

4. Any surplus of Provisions, &c., that may remain on board at the end of the Voyage may be handed over to the Authorities at Port Blair, and the cost of the same, at the rate at which they were purchased, will be repaid by Government to the Owners, Agents, or Master of the Vessel in Bombay on receipt from the Officer in Charge at Port Blair of a list of the articles made over to them.

5. For any inferior issue of Provisions during the voyage, the Owners, Agents, or Master of the Transport shall pay to Government double the price of the articles (as passed by the Survey Committee) which would have otherwise been consumed, the payment to be made before receiving the final modicum of the Passage Money.

6. The words "Tender for Convicts" should be superscribed on the Cover.

The Agents of Vessels tendering should distinctly state the exact date on which the Vessel will be ready for final survey.

8. The Superintendent of Marine does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By order of the Superintendent of Marine,
GEO. INGLE, Secretary.

Superintendent's Office, Bombay, 25th November 1869.

IN the HIGH COURT of JUDICATURE at BOMBAY.—Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction.

In the matter of Act XXVIII. of 1865, and in the matter of the Estates of BHUGWANDASS PURSHOTUMDASS and PRANJIVANDASS TOOLSIDASS, lately trading under the name of Bhugwandass Purshotumdass, and also in the name of Purshotumdass Heerachund.

UPON reading the Petition of the abovenamed Traders, Bhugwandass Purshotumdass and Pranjivandass Toolsidass; the Affidavit of Michael Rozario De Quadros, made on the Twenty-sixth day of November One thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine and his Certificate therein annexed, and the Notice referred to in the said Affidavit; and on hearing Mr. Shamrao Pandurung, Solicitor for the said traders, I do order that the said Bhugwandass Purshotumdass and Pranjivandass Toolsidass be respectively discharged under the provisions contained in Sections twenty-three and twenty-four of Act XXVIII. of One thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, unless any good and sufficient cause be shown to the contrary, on the Eleventh day of December next, before the Acting Judge in Chambers, at a quarter to eleven o'clock in the forenoon; and further, that this order be once advertised in the "Bombay Government Gazette," and thrice in the "Times of India," the "Bombay Gazette," the "Bombay Jam-e-Jamshed," and the "Bombay Samachar."—Dated this 27th day of November 1869.

C. SARGENT.

SHAMRAO PANDURUNG,
Attorney for the abovenamed Traders.

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„ „ BRAUNBERGER	„ 25 0	...
HOCK, „ JOHANNISBERGER	„ 42 0	17 0
„ „ FORSTER TRAMINER	„ 34 0	...
„ „ RUDESHEIMER	„ 26 0	14 0
„ „ HOCHEIMER	„ 23 0	12 8

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	Qts. per doz.	Pts. per doz
A 1—CHATEAU LATOUR or MOUTON, Gold Capsule,	Labelled & Branded	Rs. 30 0 Rs. 16 0
CHATEAU RAUZAN, Black capsule,	„	„ 25 0 „ 14 0
CHATEAU LEOVILLE, Blue capsule,	„	„ 22 0 „ 12 0
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CHATEAU LAROSE, Yellow capsule,	„	„ 18 8 „ 10 8
ST. JULIEN, Green capsule,	„	„ 17 0 „ 10 0
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WHISKY, 1st quality, Irish	Do.	„ 23
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WHITE SEAL, an ordinary Dinner Wine	15 0
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GREEN SEAL, full bodied, light Gold color, Nutty and Dry	22 0
AMOROSO, very choice, full flavored, soft and Pale	28 0
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MARSALA, Virgin Pale	15 0
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	Qts.	Pts.
A 1—OLD CRUSTED, choice	Rs. 36 0	
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SHARE MARKET.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

MARKET extremely dull and depressed. Colabas and Mazagons closed at Rs. 1,720 and 1,300, respectively, for time.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

Number of Shares.	Nominal value of sh.	Paid up.	Last dividend.	Names.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. a.		
100,000	100	all	10 p.ct.	Agra Bank	120
22,000	1,000	all	8 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1,550
10,000	500	all	6 p.ct.	Ditto of Bombay New	631½
10,000	500	100		Ditto and Hon. Incm. cer.	207½
5,250	1,000	all	12 p.ct.	Ditto of Madras	1,550
20,000	250	all	6 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of L. L. & China	230
40,000	200	all	8 do.	Chartered Bk. of I. & C.	190
37,500	250	125	do.	National Bank of India	124
60,000	25c	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	440

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

...	£20	218.3.6	6 p.c.	G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	237
...	£20	109.1.5	do.	Do. New £20 shares	198
...	£ 6	43.10.2	do.	Do.	...
...	£100	1,000	do.	B. B. & C. I. Railway Co.	1,100
...	£15	196.5.1	do.	Do. New Shares	195

LAND COMPANIES.

4,000	3,000	all	Rs. 65	Colaba Land Co.	1,705
10,833	1,000	all	Rs. 30	Elph'st'ne Land	1,005
10,800	1,000	650	41-14	Do. New	640
48,000	100	all	Nil	Freie Land & Pier Co. Ld	190
2,000	5,000	4,100	Nil	Mazagon Land	1,320
5,000	2,000	1,400	Nil	Fort Canning	380

PRESS COMPANIES.

150	5,000	2,850	350 p.a.	Akbar Cotton Press Co.	2,250
200	2,000	1,100	100do.	Albert Co. Kurrachee	625
250	3,000	850	60do.	Alexandra Press Co.	500
	12,500	11,000	900do.	Apollo Press Co.	8,500
200	2.00	all	375do.	Bombay Press Co.	2,150
200	1,000	all	90do.	Do. New	650
500	1,250	all	80do.	Colaba Press Co.	9,000
350	2,000	all	...	East India Press Co	1,125
150	8,000	all	1000*	Fort Press Co.	9,200
500	2,000	1,800	...	Framji Cowasji Press	1,000
200	6,000	all	246 p.c.	Hydraulic Press Co.	3,100
1000	5,000	2,000	165 p.c.	Kurrachee Press Co.	300
2,500	1,000	500	...	Mofus. Press & G. Co.	250
725	2,500	all	350*	Prince of Wales Press	3,000
225	2,000	720	200 p.c.	Victoria Press, Madras	1,050
150	2,000	all	...	Tinnevelly Press Co.	1,600

(* Per share for the half-year.)

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

400	2,000	1,700	50	Albert Mills Co.	800
500	2,500	all	35 p.a.	Alliance Spinning	1,600
100	1,500	all	...	Bombay	2,800
200	1,000	all	10 p.c.	Bombay United	735
800	500	all	...	Bunech Mills	345
300	5,000	all	...	Coorla Spinning	1,975
750	2,000	all	150 p.a.	Great Eastern	1,370
1,000	500	all	50	Manockji Petit's	710
9,800	2,500	all	...	Oriental	1,250
600	2,500	2,300	...	Royal	1,375

(* For the half year.)

MISCELLANEOUS.

600	2,500	1,500	135 p.a.	Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation	810
4,000	50	all	5pc.	Mechanics' B'ld'g Co.	33
500	2,000	300	9	Kurrachee Landing and Shipping Company	160
2,000	500	all	Nil	Treacher & Co.	265

COMPANIES IN LIQUIDATION.

5,200	1,250	Nov. '66	Back Bay Co.	580
3,500	2,400	...	B'bay & Bengal	8. S. 100
9,000	2,400	...	Bombay Ship Co.	100

BANKS IN LIQUIDATION.

	Date of L'dation.		
500	50 Jan. '36	Bank of Bombay	52
25	138 ...	Do. China	54
200	25 Sept. '67	B'bay Trde & B'nkg	6
200	40 Sept. '67	Brokers' Bank	15
250	... Mar. '66	Central Bank	5
...	...	Chartered India Bank's.	15—16
200	10 Feb. '67	Indian Peninsula	6
200	68½ May '67	Royal Bank	7
130	74 Apr. '67	Old Financial	1

EXCHANGE.

On	Terms.	Rate.
London	At sight	1s. 11 7/16d. to ½d.
London Banks	6 months' sight	1s. 11 13/16d.
Do. Credits	6 Do. do.	1s. 11 14/16d. to 15/16d.
Do. Documents	6 Do. do.	2s. 1/16d.
Calcutta	At sight	100½
Do.	30 days' sight	100½
Do.	60 days' sight	99½
Madras	At sight	100½
Do.	30 days' sight	99½
China	60 Do. do.	222

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereigns each	Rs.	10-6
Bank of England Notes	,,	10-4
Carolas	,,	290
Mexican Dollars	,,	220
Five-Franc Pieces	,,	203
Bar Silver	,,	10-6-1
Gold Leaf	,,	15-10
Bar Gold 10 oz. English	,,	16
Australian Gold	,,	196-9

BANK OF BOMBAY.

Government Securities	4	per cent.
Mercantile Bills	6	,,

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Five-and-a-half per cent	113
Five per cent.	103½
Four per cent.	94½
Five per cent. (Public Works Loan)	104
Five per cent. Debenture Loan 1869-67	105
15 years' Debenture Loan	100 nominal
10 years' do. do	102½
5 years' do. do	105
Six per cent. Municipal Loan House Rate	104
Do. Do. Market Rate	103½

CALCUTTA.—25TH NOVEMBER, 1869.

Government Securities.—About Rs 30,000 of 5½ per cents were purchased at Rs 112-10. The transactions in 4 and 5 per cents of 1856-57, were only for small amounts; the former at Rs 94-0 or 6 discount and the latter at Rs 103-4. —*Englishman.*

BANK OF BENGAL.

THE statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bengal for the week ending the 23rd Nov., compared with the return for the previous week, gives the following results:—

LIABILITIES.

G. Try. Balance at Hd. Office Rs.	10,67,743	8	0 increase.
Other Branches ,,	2,59,794	9	1 decrease.
Other Deposits ,,	1,54,404	0	6 increase.
Bank Post Bills, ,,	1,94,213	6	8 decrease.

ASSETS.

Government Securities Rs.	76,830	0	0 decrease
Loans on Govt. Securities ,,	25,700	0	0 increase.
Accts. of Credit on do. ,,	13,80,554	4	7 decrease.
Mercantile Bills Discounted ,,	15,763	6	10 increase.
Bals. with other Banks ,,	1,34,039	3	6 increase.
Cash &c. at Head Office ,,	12,50,052	14	4 increase.
Do. do. Branches ,,	7,69,601	13	0 increase.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—NOVEMBER 30.

Baigrie, Lieutenant Colonel, Deputy Quartermaster General, on duty, from Poona.
Pinkerton, Surgeon, Medical Department, on leave, from England.

DEPARTURES.—NOVEMBER 30.

Selby, Ensign, 92nd Highlanders, on duty, to Jhlumdur.
Kennedy, Ensign, 79th Highlanders, on duty, to Nagpore.
Baigrie, Lieutenant Colonel, Deputy Quartermaster General, on duty, to Poona.
Montgomery, Ensign, 2nd Queen's, on duty, to Deolalee.
Hilson, Surgeon, Bengal Medical Establishment, on duty, to Allahabad.
Stevens, Lieutenant, 1st Light Cavalry, on duty, to Deesa.

PRESIDENCY PAY-OFFICE NOTICE.

Bombay, 29th November, 1869.

It is hereby notified that pay and allowances in arrears for Nov. 1869 will be issued to the troops, &c., on the undermentioned days, from 10 A.M. till 3 P.M., except on Saturday, when payments will be closed at 1 P.M., and no monies will be received after that hour], and that all abstracts should be sent to the Pay Office for examination two clear days before payment at:—

On Wednesday and Thursday, the 1st and 2nd, General and Garrison Staff.
On Friday, the 3rd, Officers on duty at the Presidency.
On Monday, the 6th, H. M.'s 2nd Regiment N. I. (or M. B.)
On Wednesday, the 8th, H. M.'s 22nd Regiment N. I.
On Friday, the 10th, Gun Carriage Department.
On Monday, the 13th, Colaba Sanitarium.
On Friday, the 17th, Ordnance Department.
On Monday, the 20th, Roman Catholic Orphanage.
On Tuesday, the 21st, Byculla Schools.

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—30TH NOVEMBER.

London	Cotton	£2 0s. 0d.	Nom. p. ton
	Cases	£2 0s. 0d. to £2 5s. 0d.	,,
	Seeds	£1 10s. 0d.	,,
	Iron Ships Cotton	£1 5s. 0d. to £1 7s. 6d.	,,
Liverpool	Wooden Ships ,,	£1 5s. 0d.	,,
	Myrabolms & Coir bills	£9 10s. 0d. to £9 12s. 6d.	
	Seeds	£9 15s. 0d. to £1 0s. 0d.	
Havre	Cotton	£2 0s. 0d. Nominal.	
	Coffee	Nominal	
Overland	Steamers	£3 0s. 0d.	
China	Steamer Cotton	Rs. 3 to 4 per bale.	
	Opium	Rs. 25 to 30 per chest.	
	Sailing Ships	Nominal	
Calcutta	Salt	Rs. 3 0 0 to 4 0 0 per ton.	
Calcutta to Bombay	Charges	Rs. 13 to 14 and Calcutta Port	
Mauritius		8 annas per bag nominal.	

ARRIVALS.

Nov.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
30	Necra (s)	Hanscon	Suez, Nov. 14.
	Tiptee (s)	Dowdle	Cutch.

DEPARTURES.

Nov.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
30	H. M.'s Lord Elphinstone (s)	Carpendale	Beypore.
	Pilot (s)	Baker	Goa.
	Sir John Lawrence	Stabb	Colombo.

BENGAL.

The Telegraph of November 25th has the following:—

ARRIVAL.—Barque Pericles, [A], L Snow, Liverpool 10th July.
Particulars of vessels previously announced.—Ship Saint Hilda, [B], Moore, London 30th June; and Barque Reine Pomare, [F], Bormeen, Pondicherry 31st October.

DEPARTURE.—Steamer Moultan, and Ship British Monarch.

POSTAL NOTICES.

OVERLAND MAILS.

The Overland Mail, per P. and O. Co.'s steam packet, will be closed on SATURDAY, the 4th Dec., at 2 P.M.; the after-packet at 5 P.M. After-packet letters will not be forwarded unless an 8-anna Stamp is affixed to the letter in addition to the postage. Registered letters will be received until 1 P.M. The latest hour for posting at the several Branch Post Offices is 1 P.M.

The dates of departure of the Overland Mails from Bombay during 1869 are fixed as follows:—

Saturday	Dec. 4	Saturday	Dec. 18
,,	,, 11	,,	,, 25

CHINA MAILS.

The Post Office Packets for Ceylon, Penang, Singapore, and Hongkong, per P. & O. Company's steamer, will be closed on FRIDAY, the 10th Dec., at 9 A.M. A packet for late letters will be kept open on payment of the usual fee until 10 A.M. Registered letters will be received until 6 P.M. of the previous day.

Friday ..... Dec. 10 | Friday ..... Dec. 24

AUSTRALIAN MAILS.

The Post Office Packet for Australia, per P. & O. steamers will be closed at 9 A.M. on the following date; the regulations regarding late and registered letters being the same as those for the China Mail:—

Friday ..... Dec. 24

BOMBAY SCOTTISH EDUCATION SOCIETY.

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Holy Scripture.	Geography. Political and
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Music, Vocal and Instrumental.
Plain and Fancy Needle-work.

FEES:—First and Second Classes ..... Rs. 5 per month.,
Third Class ..... ,, 7½ ,,
Fourth and Fifth Classes ..... ,, 10 ,,
Four members of a family are charged as three.
Fee for Instrumental Music ..... Rs. 10

BOARDERS.—The greatly increased accommodation secured by the removal of the Teachers' residence to Byculla, has enabled Mr. and Mrs. MACDONALD to make ample provision for the reception of Boarders.

D. C. BOYD,
D. MACPHERSON, } Joint Secretaries.

MR. A. MENIST,

OCULIST OPTICIAN

(FROM AMSTERDAM AND LONDON,)

RESPECTFULLY announces his RETURN to Bombay, and desires to intimate that, owing to his numerous engagements, he will REMAIN for a SHORT TIME longer, and may be consulted at his Residence, PALLONJEE'S ADELPHI HOTEL. The numerous testimonials Mr. M. has received (which have duly appeared in the local papers) are a sufficient guarantee of the success with which he has treated the several cases of hitherto-neglected eye-sight; comments, therefore, on the superiority of his glasses over all others in the Presidency are unnecessary. For the guidance of those who are using pebbles, Mr. M. begs to state—firstly, that if the pebbles are cut against the grain they injure the eyes, and that such defects can only be discovered by Practical Opticians; secondly, if they are not polished on a scientific principle, they are equally injurious to the sight. Mr. M.'s pebbles will be found polished on a principle *peculiarly his own*, and they will be found specially adapted to the Indian climate. He has a large stock of the above unmounted for those who wish to avail themselves of this rare opportunity of possessing these really superb lenses. Ladies and gentlemen desiring Mr. M.'s attendance at their own residences will be good enough to give him one day's notice.

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The announcements may be in English or in any of the Native languages.

The advantages which Railway Stations present as a means of bringing intimations of all kinds before the public have been demonstrated in England by the extensive use which is made by Advertisers, of every station, great and small, along every line in the United Kingdom.

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There is no reason why the privilege should not be also specially valuable to Advertisers in India. Looking to the great and increasing number of Native Railway passengers on the two trunk lines of Western India, native merchants, traders, &c., seeing that they have the privilege of advertising in their own language, would find the publication of their announcements at Railway Stations a decided means of extending their business.

Placards, according to the taste of Advertisers, may be printed at the "Bombay Gazette" Press.

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Terms of Advertising may be learned on application to the Manager, "Bombay Gazette" Press.

"Bombay Gazette" Press, 1869.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

BIRTH.

MCDONALD—November 29th, at Byculla, the wife of James McDonald, Esq., Head Master Bombay Scottish Education Society Schools, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

SLATER—CLOUGH—November 30th, at St. Stephen's, Bandora, by the Rev. Ward Maule, John Slater, Esq., P. and O. Co., Bombay, to Jane Court, second daughter of the late Francis Clough, Esq.—No cards.

DEATH.

GALE—November 29th, at Sassoon's Buildings, Elphinstone Circle, of typhoid fever, Mr. John Gale, second son of Mr. Charles Gale, Newark, and Assistant Messrs. D. S. Komp & Co., Bombay, aged 25 years.

BENGAL.

BIRTH.

LAMBERT—November 25th, at Bankipore, the wife of John Lambert, Esq., of a daughter.

CENTRAL PROVINCES.

BIRTHS.

ROBINSON—November 16th, at Hissar, Mrs. Napier D. Robinson, of a daughter.
VANDER GUCHT—November 18th, at Jubbulpore, the wife of Captain T. E. Vander Gucht, of a son.

NORTH-WEST PROVINCES, &c.

BIRTH.

RICE—November 18th, at Dehra Ismail Khan, the wife of Captain H. C. P. Rice, 2nd in Command, 1st Sikh Infantry, of a daughter.

The Bombay Gazette

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1869.

AFTER all the rumours to the contrary it appears to be tolerably certain that the captain of Her Majesty's ship Galatea will visit India and sojourn in the land for a considerable time. At the risk of being regarded as disloyal we must again publicly express our conviction that the Imperial Government made a great mistake in policy when it sanctioned the project, and that not only no benefit, but positive evil, will result from its accomplishment. If the Duke of Edinburgh wished to visit India, why did he not come by a P. and O. steamer as a private English gentleman? It is surely setting a bad example to the captains of Her Majesty's Navy when one of their comrades is permitted to make a long cruise ashore, and to transform himself suddenly from a sailor into a Royal Prince. We shall hear next that the order which prevents a man-of-war from leaving a port without her commanding officer has been abrogated in the Duke's favour. But this is a very small item in the list of inflictions. Consider the absolute waste of private and public money which will ensue; the extra outlay that will fall on the European and Native community; the debts that will be incurred—debts that may be felt over a life-time. This has been a year of distress; we have had scarcity, if not famine, in many places; the Supreme Government has exhibited itself to the world in the attitude of manly repentance for past extravagance, and has vowed it will never out-run the constable again. New taxes have been imposed; the poor people of Madras and Bombay will have to pay extra for their salt; and all gentlemen in Government employ, as well as those who are not, will have their salaries "cut" under the style and title of income-tax. Economy is to be the order of the day. Numbers of officers are to be deprived of their appointments, and works are arrested in all directions. We are not now disputing the wisdom of the measures adopted to remedy the blunders and recklessness of successive Governments. We are stating facts which illustrate the condition of India: And it is at this moment, when the Government is supposed to be straining every official nerve to eradicate the errors which have been committed, when trade is dull, when large tracts are only recovering from famine, when all are mulcted, whether their means be scanty or ample, that a great extra expense is to be thrown on the community, an outlay that will produce no good whatever. Moreover, the public time will be also wasted, and wasted at a period when there is so much work to be done. Governors are torn from their presidencies; the Viceroy, forsooth, must be surrounded by a Court; and public business, rarely transacted with anything that can even by courtesy be called celerity—witness the Elphinstone negotiation, dragged on for six months—is to be seriously neglected, in order to fête a sea captain, who is the son of our Queen, but whose future place in politics will be that of a German Duke, subject to Bismark and King William I. If Prince Alfred were likely to be King of England, and if, in that capacity, it could be supposed that he would have power to influence the fortunes of India, except in the way of patronage, then there might be some faint excuse for this unnecessary display of loyalty. But, humanly speaking, his destiny is to be the head of a small State whose lot is cast in with that of the North German Confederation, and when his uncle dies, he will cease to have any direct relations with England or with India. Why should this country, at very great expense in time and money, find amusement for the future Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha? Will somebody be good enough to state a few reasons for a transaction which many seem to take for granted? His presence here may help to favour Court intrigues for places and honours at home, we do not say that it will; but it can do nothing whatever for the benefit of India.

Besides, this country is peculiarly situated. It should be the policy of the Government to preserve the idea that the Viceroy is what his title implies. All appeals, however indirect, from the Indian Government to the Home Government, except on very large questions of policy, should be discouraged and kept at bay. But does any one suppose that the bringing of a young man, politically powerless, into the midst of the land with great state and ceremonial, will not weaken the authority of the Viceroy before the Native community? Is it reasonable, or not, to think that Native Chiefs will strive to secure the good offices of the Duke of Edinburgh, and that the genus flunkey will seek to do a little business on the occasion? They will fail, of course, even the flunkies, at least we hope so; but that will not be any compensation for the evil done. Let the Viceroy do what he will, he must appear to play second fiddle so long as the Prince is his guest; and it is in the highest degree impolitic to hold up any one, be he who he may, as more powerful or influential than the Governor-General. Lord Mayo, of course, cannot help himself. It is the Home Government who have sent him this white elephant, and he must make the best of it; but the Home Government has made a great mistake in politics, and upon them public censure should fall.

INSPIRED by their success in Bombay, Mr. Candlish and Captain Beaumont, we believe, intend to prosecute at Calcutta their zealous enterprise in search of information. We have already explained the exact position of these gentlemen, and have done our best to show that they hold no authority from Parliament or the Crown. They have, in fact, nothing but letters of introduction from the Secretary of State, who, we are told, but whether as Secretary of State or Peer of the realm we are not told, approves of the course they have pursued. We have nothing to say against the enthusiasm which led the gentlemen so far afield, nor do we doubt the purity of their motives. Any Englishman has a right to investigate a public question in the best way he can, whether he be a Member of Parliament, out for a holiday, or a young man on his travels. What we wish to point out now is the extraordinary mode of obtaining information which, it seems, the Secretary of State has sanctioned.

The object of the Abyssinian inquiry was twofold—to ascertain the truth, and to discover whether the late Government had acted fairly by the House of Commons and the nation. Now this is a serious inquiry. It is one which should be conducted by the order of some authority, to whom the inquirers are responsible. The Select Committee was such an authorized and responsible body; and its proceedings were conducted openly and in due form. The late Government, according to a praiseworthy custom of Parliament, was represented on that Committee, and the evidence produced was subjected, on the spot, to close scrutiny. But what has been going on in Bombay and Poona? Who represented the accused on these occasions? Where is the guarantee for the fairness of the proceedings? We impute no unfairness, but we say that the transactions lacked the forms and the publicity which give weight to inquiries before a properly constituted body. We say nothing of the time and labour expended at the request of the two travelling Members of Parliament in order to satisfy their private estimate of public duty; but we trust that some other Members of Parliament will duly inform themselves of the course pursued by Mr. Candlish and Captain Beaumont. We trust also that the Duke of Argyll and Mr. Grant Duff will be requested to state exactly what authority they gave to these gentlemen; and whether the Secretary and Under-Secretary thinks it right to throw extra expense upon the departments here to prepare returns. Some account of this curious innovation ought to be furnished to the Opposition. For it strikes us as very important in a political point of view. Hitherto, no incoming Government has used its official power to aid anybody in fishing out materials on which to frame an indictment against its predecessors. But here we have a reversal of the practice. The Duke of Argyll, we are told, has sanctioned this extra-parliamentary inquisition, has lent his aid to this fishing expedition. Was such a thing ever done before? If the Government thought it important that evidence should be collected in India, why did they not send out a Royal Commission? Why assent to the irregular raid undertaken by Mr. Candlish and Captain Beaumont? We do not blame *them*. They want to convict somebody, and justify speeches in the House of Commons, and they are solicitons for the public welfare. But we must blame the Home Government because it has assented to an innovation in political life, not consistent with that fair play which has characterized our system. No one will suspect us of any liking for the late Government. We think that they acted meanly and unfairly, not only towards the nation and the House of Commons, but towards the Government of Bombay. But fair play is so priceless a jewel, and the distinction between open and public, and close and secret inquisitions is so vital, that when they are affected we set aside all questions of party. Mr. Disraeli is not a politician whom we admire, but we must give even that gentleman his due; and it is not worth while to injure a noble system in order to hurt anybody.

"THERE have been a good many reports," writes the "Delhi Gazette," "about respecting certain contemplated changes in the distribution of several presidencies and subordinate provinces. Indeed, we know that many officials have been trying to make up their minds what course to pursue, and what dependency to attach themselves to. It was said, Oude and Rohilcund were to be made into a Lieutenant Governorship, and Sind added to the Punjab, and sundry other alterations in the Map of India. We have good reason now to know that all this is mere speculation: nothing whatever is fixed about it, and Collectors and Assistant Magistrates and others need give themselves no concern about what province they shall apply to be transferred to. India, for the present, remains unchanged as she was."

THE OPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

SATURDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER.

I SEND a line on by one of the passengers to say that it is the Delta and not the Nyanza that goes on to Port Said to-morrow. The former vessel has been chosen on account of its smaller draught of water. I have had an invitation to go in her, and another from Mr. Pender to go in the Hawk, the Telegraph Construction Company's yacht. But, on the whole, I think one stands a better chance of seeing everything that is to be seen by keeping with the main body of guests, and I shall wait patiently to learn to what steamer the providence of the Viceroy consigns me. The news to-day is that there is no doubt about the serious nature of the obstacle found in the canal near Kantara. The Khedive has been down to Ismailia, and instructed Captain McKillop to pilot the Mahroussée through himself, and take soundings every foot of the way, on Tuesday.

We can learn nothing as to the hour at which the Empress will be here. The preparations at the French Consulate are nearly complete; and the *facade* of the building—the finest in the great square—looks very gay with flags and flowers and gilt monograms, while the courtyard within is transformed into a garden of choice plants and trees. A regiment of Egyptian soldiers has just marched past the hotel, the buglers playing at their head in French fashion, and the men—stout, well-built looking fellows—imitating to their best ability the loose gait of the French infantry, and clothed to all appearance, as some one remarked, in the cast-off clothes of French Zouaves.

J. M. M.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

[PER REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE LOSS OF THE CARNATIC.

LONDON, 24TH NOVEMBER.

THE Board of Trade inquiry into the loss of the Carnatic opened yesterday.

Lord Chelmsford is seriously ill.

The Russian Press urge the sending of an expedition to Khiva.

THE BOMBAY MAIL.

The Goleonda with the outward Indian Mail left Suez for Bombay on the 22nd inst., at 8 A.M., (14 hours after contract time.)

LONDON, 20TH NOV., AFT.

The Liverpool Cotton Market to-day was steady. Fair Dhollera 8¾d.

Consols ..... 93¾.
Oriental Bank Shares ..... £42.
Chartered ,, ,, ... £18.
,, Mercantile Bank shares .... £32.
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank shares ..... £38.
5½ per cent. Govt. Securities .... 110½.

Others and Exchange on India unaltered.

Total Coin in Banks of England and France £67,250,000.

Total Notes outstanding £78,125,000.

(BY INDIAN TELEGRAPH.)

CHINA MAIL.

GALLE, 30TH NOV., 1-30 P.M.

MAIL steamer from China signalled.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

GALLE, 29TH NOV., 2-27 P.M.

THE steamer Geelong has arrived, having left Sydney on the 6th, Melbourne on the 9th, and King George's Sound on the 16th November.

Latest intelligence from New Zealand states that Te Kooti, with one hundred followers, has gone back and entrenched himself where McDonnell attacked him, which looks like a determination to fight it out.

Coffee, moderate demand. Sugar, business extremely light. Metal, market unchanged. Rice, dull. Patna, nominally quoted at £22.

MILITARY LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, 5TH NOVEMBER.

THE divisional command at Bangalore, which will fall vacant in January, on the expiration of the period of service of Major-General F. P. Haines, is to be bestowed upon Major-General Henry William Stisted, C.B. It is not yet settled who is to succeed Major-General O'Grady Haly, C.B., nor Major-General Sir J. R. Smyth, K.C.B., both of whom will evacuate their commands at the beginning of next year.

The colonelcy of the 65th Regiment has become vacant by the death of General Robert Bartlett Coles, on the 27th ult. The veteran General, who was upwards of 80 years of age, entered the army in 1803, and served in India under Lord Lake in the latter part of 1804, and the campaigns of 1805 and 1806. On the termination of the war in India he returned to England, and having been promoted to a company he embarked with his regiment for Spain, and served the campaigns of 1808 and 1809 under General Sir John Moore, including the action at Lugo and the memorable retreat to Corunna. He accompanied his regiment on the expedition to the Scheldt in 1809, landed at Walcheren, was present at the siege and surrender of Flushing, and remained with the force on the island until it was evacuated. He joined the army under the Duke of Wellington in the Peninsula in 1813, was present at the passage of the Bidassoa, the battles of the Nivelle and Nive, the passage of the Adour, the investment of Bayonne, and the repulse of the sortie. He embarked at Bordeaux for North America in 1814, was present at the passage of the Saranac and the action of Plattsburg. He served in Canada till the latter part of 1826, when he was promoted to a lieutenant-colonelcy, and has remained since unattached on half-pay. He had received the silver war medal with three clasps for Corunna, Nivelle, and Nive. He was appointed Colonel of the 65th (the 2nd Yorkshire North Riding) Regiment of Foot in July, 1857. His commissions bore date as follows:—Cornet, August 20, 1803; Lieut., May 1, 1805; Capt., September 8, 1808; Major, October 24, 1821; Lieut.-Col., September 19, 1826; Col., November 23, 1841; Major-General, November 11, 1851; Lieut.-Gen., October 26, 1858; and Gen., May 31, 1865.

Lieut.-Gen. Philip Sandilands, of the Royal Artillery, died on Saturday last at Hythe, aged 79. He entered the army in 1806, and served with the expedition to Walcheren; he also served in the campaign of 1815, and was engaged on the 17th of June with the Horse Artillery in covering the retiring movement from Quatre Bras, and on the 18th of June was present at the Battle of Waterloo. He had been on full pay as Lieut.-Colonel of the Royal Artillery some years. His commissions bore date as follows:—Second Lieut., Oct. 4, 1806; Lieut., Feb. 1, 1808; Captain, July 29, 1825; Major, June 28, 1838; Lieut.-Colonel, April 1, 1846; Col., June 20, 1854; Major-General, Oct. 26, 1858; and Lieut.-General, August 24, 1866.

By the death of General Coles, Lieut.-General W. Beckwith, K.H., will be promoted to the rank of General, Major-General C. W. M. Baldero, C. B. to the rank of Lieutenant-General, Colonel Farren, C. B., to the rank of Major-General, Major G. L. Carmichael, 95th Foot, to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, and Captain W. W. Cuban, 49th Foot, to the rank of Major in the Army. On promotion Colonel Farren must relinquish the command at Colchester, but probably he will be allowed to continue his present duties until the end of the year. The command at the Mauritius has not yet been filled up, and it is extremely doubtful to what Colonel it will be given.

Colonel K. D. Mackenzie, C. B., is to succeed Colonel the Hon'ble H. H. Clifford as Deputy Quartermaster General at the Horse Guards: the latter, on resigning his present post, will become aide-de-camp to His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief in lieu of the Hon'ble R. Curzon, lately promoted to the rank of Major-General. It is as yet uncertain upon whom the good conduct pension, vacant by the death of Colonel Montgomery, late 1st Foot, will be bestowed. The colonelcy, vacant by the death of General Coles, will not improbably be given to Major-General Walpole.

As I told you last week, Colonel Johnson, C.B., Royal Artillery, has resigned his appointment as Assistant Military Secretary at the Horse Guards. It is very probable, however, that the solicitations of his friends may induce him to reconsider his determination and withdraw his resignation. If he does so, all who have to deal with him will rejoice, and the service will certainly be no loser. If, on the contrary, he persists in quitting his present appointment to return to India he will leave the Horse Guards at the end of the year, and will probably be succeeded by Colonel Roberts.

The issue of medals for the campaign in Abyssinia has been commenced in favour of officers about to proceed abroad. The medal is peculiar, smaller than usual, with the Sovereign's head, crowned and veiled, embossed, and the word Abyssinia in *alto-relievo* around it. The reverse side of the medal bears the name of the recipient engraved within a wreath of laurel. The riband is white with a broad red stripe down the centre.

There seems a probability of the early issue of the long-delayed medal for services in New Zealand. The riband has just been exhibited at the orderly-room of the 1st Battalion 12th (East Suffolk) Regiment at Aldershott. The riband has blue fringe and a red stripe down the centre. The 12th Regiment took part in most of the engagements in New Zealand from 1860 to 1866. The following regiments and corps are entitled to the medal:—1st Battalion 12th Regiment, 2nd Battalion 14th Regiment, 2nd Battalion 18th Regiment, 40th, 43rd, 50th, 57th, 65th, 68th, 70th, and detachments of Royal Artillery, Commissariat Staff Corps, Royal Engineers, and Military Train.

A general order has been promulgated by the Adjutant-General of the Forces, stating that the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief desires officers of the army to understand that for the future, except under very special and unforeseen circumstances, an application from officers to retire by the sale of their commissions, once submitted, will be acted upon. This order has been called forth by the fact that very often officers send in applications to retire, obtain leave of absence, and after enjoying themselves for some time come back to the Horse Guards and request permission to be allowed to continue to serve. It is quite certain that this is all wrong, especially in the case of officers who return home from India on the plea of retirement, and it is equally certain that the Horse Guards should never allow any application to retire which has once entered the office to be returned. Notwithstanding the general order, however, so little confidence is felt in the firmness of the Horse Guard officials when powerful or social influence is brought into play, that few believe there will be any result from the order except to render withdrawals of applications impossible in the case of those who have no interest.

It has also been notified in a general order that the following campaigns will form the subject of examination in the military history and geography at the examination for admission to the Staff College, to be held in July 1870:—

1. The operations in

Richard did not fail to instruct the Maharajah of Jeypore that "people" was a word to which the Income-tax would not apply. Scarcely one in a thousand would be touched by it, and one-tenth per cent. of a population could not be called "the people." But this was his only triumph, the Maharajah, however, not appearing to understand his remarks. Sir Henry Durand took the opportunity of making two important statements—one that the contemplated reductions in the military service had not been the result of any alarm at a deficit: they were planned before the deficit was discovered. The Secretary of State had sketched them when he was under the belief that there was a small surplus instead of a deficit." The other statement was of equal importance. The reductions would not reduce the fighting strength of the army; not a single position would be resigned, and our military status in India not one jot weakened. Mr. Cockerell introduced the ever-cropping up Court Fees Bill, and asked that it should be passed as soon as possible, as the reduction by one-fourth in fees, which it contemplated, had, in a measure, suspended litigation. People were waiting for the cheaper rates. Mr. Strachey was to have introduced the other Salt Bill also; but the hour was late, and it was held over. The Income-tax Bill was passed. Mr. Cockerell's Stamp Bill was referred to a Committee to report in three weeks.—*Indian Daily News.*

ECONOMICAL LOYALTY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—A hundred years ago, more or less, when John Company wished to economise, it was ordained that no money should be spent on gunpowder salutes, but that honours should be paid by "shouting."

Why cannot this admirable stroke of economy be repeated in these impecunious times?

The saluting gunner, the saluting battery, the saluting gunpowder, all cost money, which might in all the presidencies be saved.

And when the Governor returns from Poona, let everybody who is glad of that event—shout. When he departs for Mahableshwur or elsewhere, let us still, though with voices broken by sobs and choked by tears of regret—shout. In fine, on occasions of this sort—to slightly alter the words of the divine Shakespeare—let us

"Make an universal shout,
The main drain tremble underneath her banks,
To hear the replication of our sounds
Made on her concave shores!"

So shall we save the public money and evince our loyalty—results that cannot but be gratifying both to the Viceroy and His Excellency of Bombay.—Yours, &c.,
ECONOMIST.

BOMBAY.

THE HON'BLE A. D. SASSOON, C. S. I., leaves Bombay, we hear, for Calcutta next week, to meet H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

FAIR.—The annual fair of Navi Wady, near Dady Sett's Agiary, commences to-morrow evening. There will be a display of fireworks on the first night.

SURVEY OF HACK BUGGIES.—The Commissioner of Police commenced a survey of the hack buggies of Bombay on Saturday last. On the first day 113 numbers were granted, and on Monday 162, making in all 275.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A Coroner's inquest was held on Monday at the Apollo Bunder concerning the death of James Correl, a seaman of the ship Coldstream, who fell from the topmast and died in consequence. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

WHOLESALE CHEATING.—At the Fort Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Nana Morojee, Purshotum Nurrotum obtained a warrant against Choonilal Pranjeevun Ghandee, a broker in bullion, charging him with criminal breach of trust in respect of about two thousand rupees. Several other parties charged the accused with similar offences.

FIRES.—On Sunday evening a fire broke out in the compound of the Secretariat, in a room occupied by book-binders, but it was soon extinguished.—On Monday another fire broke out at Dadur, in a hut in the compound of the bungalow of Dosabhoy Shapoorjee. By the exertions of some of the townspeople it was soon put out. The damage done to the property is estimated at about Rs. 400.

A CURIOUS ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE.—A Hindoo named Kessoo Balkrishna obtained under false pretences about four hundred rupees from several parties on Monday. One of the parties reported the circumstance to the police and the man was arrested. It seems that the accused had a quantity of arsenic wrapped up in a piece of paper in his possession, and when arrested he swallowed a portion of it. He was soon taken to the Jamsetjee Hospital.

APPLICATION FOR A SUMMONS.—Mr. Nusserwanjee Nowrojee, pleader, appeared before Mr. Nana Morojee yesterday on behalf of two Parsees, and applied for a summons against Mr. Malins, Deputy Sheriff, on a charge of assaulting his clients whilst they were present at the Criminal Sessions during the trial of the Parsee Defamation Case. The Magistrate refused to interfere in the matter, remarking that the assault was alleged to have taken place in the High Court, and the parties might if they liked complain to the presiding Judge in the Sessions.

DAVE CARSON'S ENTERTAINMENT.—We must remind our readers that the large company brought to Bombay by Dave Carson give their first performance in Grant Road Theatre to-night; and let us advise those wishing to be present to secure tickets early, for there is sure to be a full house. The very programme cannot fail to secure this. Let poor Bombayites who for many months have had no opportunity in the evening to do anything but eat their dinners and go to sleep, only look at the programme, and then we hope our old friend Dave will to-night greet, not the house, but the smiling countenances crowding it, with one of his best grins of satisfaction.

HIGH COURT DECREES.—In the High Court yesterday, before Sir Charles Sargent, decree was given by consent in a suit at the instance of Vurdman Poonsey and others against the Asiatic Banking Corporation for Rs. 33,062. Mr. Mayhew appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. Taylor for the defendants.—Mr. Macpherson appeared in an undefended suit brought by Johareemull and others against Hookumchund Sewnath to recover Rs. 5,150, the amount of hoondies due. Decree was given for the amount with costs, and interest at 9 per cent. Speedy execution was granted, the defendant having run away from Bombay.—Mr. Mayhew appeared in a suit by Hunsraz Currumsey against Valljee Purshotum, and decree was given for Rs. 3,832, the admitted amount of a balance of account, with costs and interest.

THE PUNDERPOOR FAIR.—We understand that the number of pilgrims to the Punderpoor Fair amounted to sixty thousand.—*Poona Observer*, Nov. 30.

RUMOUR has it that consequent upon the contemplated reduction in the native army, there is a probability that our old friends the Sappers will return to their old lines in Poona. It would certainly be a move in the right direction, and in these cutting times the saving to Government would be no trifling item, considering the outlay that would be involved in building permanent lines for that corps at or near Kirkee.—*Ibid.*

DISAPPEARANCE OF A MAMLEDAR.—We understand that a warrant has been issued by the full power magistrate of Khandeish, Mr. James, for the apprehension of Rao Saheb Shoereedhur Vittull Datar, 1st class mamledar of the Nusseerabad talooka, in the Khandeish districts, as it would appear that the said mamledar having extorted money from the ryots, to the extent of about forty thousand rupees, resigned the service and then made himself scarce. The warrant has been entrusted to Mr. Sewram Pandoorung, the inspector of the Khandeish Police, but we are afraid that it will be very hard to trace the whereabouts of the culprit, and we would therefore suggest a handsome reward for his apprehension be offered, without which it is more than probable that he will never be brought to justice.—*Ibid.*

MR. CANDLISH and Captain Beaumont, members of the Abyssinian Parliamentary Enquiry Commission, have been in Poona during the past week prosecuting their enquiries. We understand that since their arrival in this station they have had several interviews with His Excellency the Governor and with Colonel Marriott, Secretary to Government, Military Department, as also with Colonel Dunsterville, Commissary General of the Army, and Major Chitty, Acting Military Accountant. What these gentlemen have learnt from their voyage to India we know not, but we think it is to be regretted that they should not direct their enquiries more particularly to those who were in Abyssinia and saw what went on. We have not heard of any such officers having had any questions put them, although we doubt not that there are many who could give much valuable information if applied to on the subject, and amongst others we might mention in this station Colonel Mignon, Colonel Hill Wallace, Colonel Baigrie, and Colonel Thacker.—*Ibid.*

THE Directors of the Bank of Bengal, at their weekly meeting yesterday (Nov. 26th), made no alteration in the Bank's rates of interest and discount.—*Englishman.*

MR. SAMUEL BATES vs. MAJOR-GENERAL SIR JOHN ROWLAND SMYTHE, K.C.B.—This case was called on for hearing yesterday (Nov. 25) at the Royapettah Police Court, but the parties did not put in an appearance, as a compromise had been effected. The charges against the defendant were defamation, assault, and abusive language.—*Madras Times.*

ALL the persons said to have been complicated in the great robbery case, noticed in our last, have been apprehended, but only a portion of the stolen property, to the value of Rs. 3,000 or 4,000, has yet been recovered. The inquiry by the police is still being conducted, and it is hoped that ere long their labours will be crowned with full success.—*Gujerat Mitra*, Nov. 28.

ANOTHER instance of retrenchment. Three executive charges in the Public Works Department of these provinces, viz. those of the Kanhan Bridge, Nimar, and the Southern Road divisions are to be at once done away with, thereby effecting a saving of between four and five lakhs of rupees per annum.—*Central India Times*, Nov. 27.

THE Officiating Chief Commissioner has at last determined on doing away with the sinecure of personal assistant in the Settlement Department. We hear that Mr. Morris has it in contemplation to appoint the late incumbent, Lieutenant Hallett, to the independent charge of the sub-district of Hingunghat.—*Ibid.*

THE Officiating Chief Commissioner, accompanied by his Assistant Secretary, Mr. John Neill, proceeds on Monday next by daily marches to Jubbulpore, whence after a short stay he will go on to Calcutta, in obedience to an invitation from the Viceroy to meet the Duke of Edinburgh. After the termination of the Calcutta festivities Mr. Morris will rejoin his camp at Jubbulpore, and there remain till the return of the Duke from the Punjab and North-West, meeting His Royal Highness and the Viceroy at Allahabad and accompanying them to Khangaon *via* Khundwa.—*Ibid.*

THE BOMBAY UNIVERSITY.

OUT of eighteen candidates who presented themselves for the LL. B. examination in connection with the Bombay University, the following have passed:—

Messrs. Ambalal Sakarlal Desai, Munsooklal Mugutlal, Ghunasham Nilkant, Kashinath Trimbuck, Framjee Rustomjee Viccajee, and Kersasjee Dadachanjee.

Of the candidates who presented themselves for the M. A. examination, two have passed; their names are Messrs. Burjorjee Edaljee Mody and Tapidass Dayaram Mehta.

STEAMER REPORTS.

GALLE, 29th, 3-25 P.M.—Mail steamer from Australia signalled.

GALLE, 30th, 12-24 P.M.—Mail steamer from Calcutta signalled.

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORTS.

KURRACHEE, 30th, 10-55 A.M.—Cable communication perfect to Fao; Turkish line interrupted beyond Kournah; Persian line right to Tabreez. Latest dates, from Great Britain, *via* Turkey, 7th Nov., 1-45 P.M.; *via* Russia, 26th Nov., 12 noon.

INDO-EUROPEAN TELEGRAPH.

THE following dates of private telegrams were received at the Bombay Telegraph Office during the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock yesterday evening:—

United Kingdom, via Russia, 11th, 24th and 26th November.

Continent of Europe, via Russia, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 24th November.

The time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay from 8 P.M. of the 29th to 8 P.M. of the 30th November is as follows:—

To Bombay	Max.	Min.
From Kurrachee	2 43	0 7
,, Calcutta	4 35	0 19
,, Madras	7 17	1 45

Communication between Bombay and Kurrachee perfect.

Undelivered messages in the Bombay Signal Office—
For Dulsookram Hookumchund, from Calcutta.
For E. Pout, from Calcutta.
For Havelock, Byculla, from Nagpore.
For Bhiwara Bace, Nag Para, No. 8, from Poona.
For Conyers, Byculla, from Kamptee.
For Dr. Lever, from Nagpore.
For Ruttonjee Bhoyjee, from Calcutta.
For Mahomedally Begh, Goomastah, Newal Kishore, from Jodhpoora.

THE ALOE FIBRE.

THE following letters have been placed by the local Government at the disposal of the press. Government has resolved that Major Walker's request, conveyed in the first of the letters, should be complied with:—

BELGAUM, 12th November.

From Major Walker, 1st Grenadiers, to F. R. S. Wyllie, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, a letter just received from the gentleman in Dundee to whom I sent the samples of the Aloe fibre and hemp. The report seems very favourable regarding the former, its value being £45 per ton. I also enclose a note on the same subject from Colonel Schneider; he agrees with Mr. Lamb, that a company would not succeed. It would now, I should think, remain with the Government to make the affair a success by taking such steps as His Excellency might consider best.

From the "Ambarric" plant a fibre is obtained which appears to be very strong, fine, and also flexible. I shall have the pleasure of forwarding you, in a few days, a sample of it which I got in the bazaar and am now endeavouring to clean. The Natives I perceive do not cultivate it, they seem merely to throw a few seeds in along with their grain at the time of sowing, just before the monsoon. I noticed, all the way from Kolapore, that such was their method, there being perhaps not above a few dozen plants in a field. It grows, I am told, about six feet high; what I saw growing was about four feet, but it was still growing. Of this plant a succession of crops could be got all the year through. I shall send Mr. Lamb a sample of the Ambarric for report by the first mail. Might I request that a portion of the aloe fibre, at present being prepared by Dr. Gray, may be sent to Robert Lamb, Esq., merchant, Cowgate, Dundee?—I have, &c.,

DUNDEE, 14th Oct. 1869.

My dear Walker,—Since writing you last week I have your letter of 4th September. I have also received a report of the fibres from Liverpool, not from a ropemaker, but from a dealer in such materials. He say:—

"The smaller sample, which resembles Bombay hemp, would realize in this market about £25 per ton."

"The large one is a fibre new to this market, but if as strong, clean, and of as good colour, we believe it would realize about £45 per ton."

The above report shows I was mistaken when I considered that I had seen the same fibre before, and it gives a much higher estimate of the value than the one I got here, which was to be expected, the quantity used here being trifling compared with Liverpool. The report on the hemp is not worth much, the sample being so small, and probably so indifferently prepared. I would expect the article itself to be of much higher value.

I regret that the report does not state for what purposes the Aloe fibre would be worth £45, but as I do not suppose from its brittle nature and want of cohesive character that it would be spun and woven like jute, I presume it must be for rope-making and matting. In order to satisfy myself more fully of its qualities, I am to have it further examined here, but my opinion is that it will be impossible to spin it in the same way as jute or flax or hemp, and that its use therefore must be restricted to the above two purposes, or those chiefly. If, however, it is worth £45 a ton it is worth paying some attention to.

As to the getting up of a company here to work out the thing, however, I don't see at present how it could take. There would necessarily have to be experimental steps taken first. Enough of the fibre would have to be sent to test the value beyond doubt and also to test the expense other than production—I mean the cost of freight from where it is raised to this country, including all incidental charges. Then, even if a company were started there is no prospect of their being able to keep a monopoly of a good thing. It would be their part to find out the best machinery for and mode of culture, possibly at much expense, and any other could then take the matter up with the benefits of experience.

One objection to raising funds to foster it in Dundee is that the fibre would not be for the *special* benefit of this town, although there would be some used here. If grown at all, it seems to me it would have to be done same way as jute—first of all introduced here and value tested and supply from India left to private enterprise. These are only my present opinions on the subject without really knowing much about it, and if you still think well of trying to get up a company here I shall lay your views before some of the people here, but this will prevent the thing from being kept quiet as they will no doubt make enquiry at once, probably, at their Calcutta or Bombay agents. I find I have only time to say we are all well, and finish.—Yours truly,

(Sd.) R. LAMB.

FORT POLICE COURT.—30TH NOV.

(Before JOHN CONNON, Esq.)

REFUSAL OF DUTY.—John Fairfull, a seaman of the ship Isabella Harkus, was charged with wilful disobedience of lawful commands in refusing to do duty on board the ship, and was sentenced to a week's imprisonment.—William Barry, a seaman of the ship Howden, was charged with a similar offence, and was also sentenced to be imprisoned for a week.

ASSAULT.—Henry Ellis, a sailor, was charged with being drunk and disorderly, and destroying a pair of trowsers, the property of Mr. Fraser, and also assaulting him. The prisoner was convicted and fined Rs. 14, which sum was to go to the complainant.—The same accused was charged with committing damage, accompanied with force, to the property of Dinshaw Dorabjee, and was fined five rupees. The fine was ordered to be paid to the prosecutor.

THE PARSEE PRIEST CASE.

SENTENCE OF THE PRISONER.

On the reassembling of the Sessions Court yesterday morning, Jamsetjee Sorabjee Madun, the defendant in the Parsee Priest Defamation Case, was called to the bar.

Mr. McCulloch and Mr. Starling again appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Serjeant Atkinson and Mr. Perozshaw Merwanjee Mehta for the prisoner.

Serjeant Atkinson then said—My Lord, it will no doubt be in the recollection of your Lordship, that on Saturday, after the jury had returned their verdict, I applied to the Court for leave to file an affidavit in mitigation of punishment. That application was granted to me on condition that we filed our affidavit before twelve o'clock in Monday. My Lord, I felt justified in making that application from the facts stated to me at the time, but these facts have been subsequently laid before my learned friend Mr. Mehta and myself, and we have given them every consideration, and we came to the conclusion that they would be insufficient to have any influence on the mind of the Court. We therefore advised our client not to encumber the files of the Court with an affidavit which would be perfectly useless. Of course as the application was granted to me on condition that we should file the affidavit before twelve o'clock on Monday, we instructed our solicitor to give notice before that hour to Messrs. Dallas and Co. in order that the prosecutor might not be prejudiced by the delay. My Lord, I felt this statement necessary, not only for the information of the Court, but to justify myself for not obeying the Court.

[The following was the letter sent to the prosecutor's agent on Monday as mentioned by the learned Serjeant:—

SIR,—It was our intention to file an affidavit in mitigation of punishment, but acting under the advice of counsel we think it better to leave our client to the mercy of the Court. Inasmuch as your client's character has been vindicated from a charge but too rashly believed, perhaps the prosecutor himself may be disposed to join in a recommendation to mercy.—Yours truly,

HENRY S. CARTER,
To Messrs. Dallas & Co. For Pestonjee Dinshaw.]

The Judge—The course you have pursued, Serjeant Atkinson, is such as I should have expected from a gentleman of your high standing, and I am happy to hear your learned junior joined in it. It was intimated to me through the Clerk of the Crown yesterday that you did intend to pursue that course.

The prisoner was then told that he had been found guilty of defamation, and asked if he had anything to say why the Court should not pass sentence.

Prisoner—I only state this, that the conduct which I pursued was for the establishment of the truth, and I and my conduct are well known to the majority of the Parsee community. I now leave myself to the mercy of the Court.

The Judge—Jamsetjee Sorabjee Madun, you have been convicted on very clear testimony of defaming the character of Nowrojee Shapoorjee Sunjana, the brother of a well known dustoor in Bombay. There seems undoubtedly to have been a contest, or if not a contest at least a rivalry, between his family and that of another family as to which should fill the office of chief dustoor of, Bombay. It was no doubt open to every member of the Parsee community who pleased to discuss the claims of the rivals for that office, to do so fully and fairly, but not to indulge in the license of calumny, and those who do so must be prepared to take the consequences, for if such assaults as that of which you have been found guilty against private character were to be sanctioned by law, society would become intolerable. You have charged Nowrowjee Shapoorjee Sunjana with acts which, if he were guilty of them, would ruin him in his profession of priest, and you must have been perfectly well aware that that would have been the result if those charges which you made were true. You did your utmost that they should be believed. You have not shown the slightest tinge of remorse for your conduct. You persisted in an attempt to justify that libel and to prove that it was true, and you have greatly enhanced your guilt by suborning at least three witnesses to come forward here and swear to the truth of that which was utterly false. As an example to all who may be disposed to follow your steps, I sentence you to imprisoned for nine months, and further to be fined Rs. 2,000, and in default of payment of that sum you undergo a further period of imprisonment for six calendar months. The imprisonment will be simple imprisonment, as the law does not admit of rigorous imprisonment. I wish to add that I think the proprietor of the newspaper who opened his columns to such a letter as that which this man has been found guilty of publishing has in a great measure shared the discredit attaching to the publication of such a letter.

The prisoner was then removed from the dock.

MR. MOROBA CANNOBA'S COURTSHIP.

"THE COURSE OF TRUE LOVE," &c.

YESTERDAY in the Criminal Sessions, before Mr. Justice Westropp and a common jury, a Hindoo lad named Bapoojee Ramchunder was placed at the bar on a charge of having stolen a gold chain, a diamond ring, and other articles, the property of Mr. Moroba Cannoba.

The case for the prosecution was, that the defendant used frequently to visit the prosecutor's house, and that prosecutor, on missing some jewellery which he had set aside as a present for any Hindoo widow that would marry him, suspected the prisoner, and the police found he had pledged the articles with a goldsmith. The defence was that the prosecutor had handed over the articles alleged to have been stolen as a pledge of a reward of Rs. 1,000 should he procure a young good looking widow to marry Mr. Moroba; but Mr. Moroba said that prisoner proferred his services and said he would show him a respectable young lady.

Prisoner (in cross-examination of prosecutor) asked—Did you not authorize me to take a letter with your photograph to Sookabai?—(A.) Yes.

Prisoner—Did you not ask me to spend money out of my own pocket?—(A.) No.

Prisoner—Did you not promise me a reward of Rs. 1,000 if I succeeded in bringing about this marriage between you and Sookabai, and give me these ornaments in the meantime?

Mr. Moroba—No. You offered to do it by yourself, did not promise you any money. These articles were intended for the lady—but the prisoner instead of giving them to my widow took them to his own prostitute.

Prisoner—He employed me in order to procure a widow for him, and he gave me his photograph and a letter, a sarree, a box and handkerchief to carry to one Sookabai, a widow; and I beg the gentlemen of the jury may see the letter and photograph and that the letter may be read to them. I said that I wanted to have something positive as I was a poor man and did not like to trust his word, and he gave me these ornaments and said he would take them back when he gave me the Rs. 1,000 which he promised to give me.

His Lordship in summing up remarked that the prisoner had been engaged in a little love affair of Mr. Moroba Cannoba, that he had changed his character from a Cupid to that of Mercury, who as Sidney Smith said was the great god of thieves, and was charged with having appropriated the property of his employer. It had come out in the evidence that negotiations for marriage with the lady Sookabai had at all events been started by Mr. Moroba, and Mr. Moroba had admitted that he sent the letter—which, however, was not in evidence, and with which the jury had nothing to do. The prisoner was the bearer of that letter to Sookabai, and Mr. Moroba also said that he gave him a sarree and one or two other things which were intended to be conveyed to the widow Sookabai, but which seemed never to have reached their destination; and it seemed that Mr. Moroba had ornaments in his drawer, and he had seen one of these, the necklace, on the morning of the day on which he missed it. The rings which had been in the ivory box he had not seen so lately, but, he calculated, about twenty days before, and it did not appear when he last saw the armlet. But the prisoner said these ornaments which undoubtedly were entrusted with him and were pledged with the goldsmith were given to him as a pledge to be redeemed by a payment of Rs. 1,000 if he was successful in the negotiation of this transaction. Mr. Moroba told them he did not say anything of the sort, and moreover that if he had intended to give that money he had it. There was no doubt of that, and Mr. Moroba was not likely to pay for the services before they were rendered, for the fish was not yet caught. (A laugh.) It would be for the jury to say whether the account the jury gave was at all probable. Mr. Moroba admitted having employed him, and said that in that way prisoner had access to his house, and that on that he played fast and loose with his drawer; and if the jury believed that to be the case they were bound to convict him. In respect that the prisoner was found on the premises seven minutes before the theft the jury might think right to convict him of theft, and, if not, having regard to the manner in which the articles had been pledged, they would say whether he had been guilty of dishonestly receiving the property knowing it to be stolen. The fact that the property was not pledged all at once was a suspicious circumstance, for it would look as if the drawer had been drawn on in detail.

The prisoner was at once found guilty on all the counts and was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for six calendar months. It was ordered that the gold ornaments in Court should be returned to the prosecutor, and the money, about Rs. 30, to the goldsmith who had bought the property for Rs. 200. The goldsmith applied for authority to get about Rs. 170 that the prisoner had in the Savings Bank, but His Lordship said he could not interfere with that—the goldsmith could bring a suit against the prisoner.

THE FELL RAILWAY.

THE Fell Railway over Mont Cenis does evidently not inspire confidence in the minds of some travellers. The following are the gloomy reflections of a passenger who has been over the line twice, and is superstitious about venturing a third time. "I crossed the Fell Railway twice, and am free to confess among friends that I won't cross it again if I can help it. It is all very well to say that the system is perfect and that there is no danger, but Engineers know better. The dangers which strikes you, that of running off the line over the precipice, is, it is true, imaginary, but there or other dangers which are real. For instance, on my second trip, as we got within a few hundred feet of the top the engine gave out, groaned, stopped and receded with the train some yards. Supposing that retrogression to have continued till the train got its full momentum, on we should have run at ever increasing speed perhaps 500 yards, and then at the next curve have leapt sheer into space when a rupee would have covered the largest morsel left of the train."—*Madras Mail.*

INTRIGUES AT BARODA.

(*Gujerat Mitra.*)

It is said that a meeting, composed of all the high-officers of the Gaekwar, was convened to decide what punishment should be adjudged to Lulloo Asharam for the thousand and one faults he had committed. A dead silence pervaded the whole assembly for a time, when one of the Karbharies who was the leader of the clique through whose machinations the then pending charge was brought against Lulloo, expressed his opinion that a fine of five lacs of rupees should be imposed on him. This was an inducement Khunderao could hardly resist; and Lulloo was accordingly forthwith asked to pay the money. His answer was "my liege, everything that I possess has been earned through your Highness's favour and good graces and I am ready to dedicate it to your feet; you are my father, mother, and all; so, there is nothing I own, everything is yours." Upon this, Bhow Sindhia, who is the Dewan of His Highness and who had all along been a staunch friend of Lulloo, interceded on his behalf, and after a short but flattering and puffing address, said that it was quite unbecoming to the character of one who was the guardian of thousands of souls, to deprive one of what he possessed and especially so when he threw himself at his Highness's mercy. This had an electric effect on the mind of the ruler, and Lulloo Asharam was thus let go. And a short time elapsed, and the same *khutput*, but proceeding from a different quarter from that through which he had been arraigned on that particular count, brought about in a short time his installation to the Assistant Dewanship.

Just as this was going to the press we are informed that both Bhow Sindhia and Lulloo Asharam have been suspended since the last four days from their office in virtue of instructions from the British Government, who it seems have hit upon the proper peg of the circumstances connected with the above farce. These suspensions, we are told, are quite against the wish of the Guikwar himself, and accordingly Colonel Barr, than whom no better mediator from the Guicowar's side can be found since the departure of Wally Kaka, proceeds shortly to Bombay to settle the matter and perhaps to vindicate his own conduct in relation to this affair. Limbajee Dada has been appointed *pro. tem.* in Bhow's place.

AN INTERESTING PHENOMENON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Last night, about seven o'clock, the breakers off the coast of Malabar Hill were brilliantly phosphorescent. As each wave approached the shore it gradually lit up and then broke on the rocks in spray of whitish green flame—rendered all the more visible by the darkness of the night. It would be interesting to know how far the phenomenon extended along the coast, and possibly some scientific reader will be able to explain what causes it. Is it produced by the presence of vast shoals of animalcule, or by some peculiar electric or magnetic state of the water?

Although I have resided on the Hill for several years, I have only once before observed this singular appearance of the sea. I think it occurred about four years ago.—Yours, &c.,

W. R.

30th November.

PROPOSED COTTON MARKET AT BROACH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Will you permit me, through the medium of your columns, to offer a few suggestions to the Cotton Commissioner, Dr. Forbes, in regard to the establishment of a cotton market here, for which he seems of late to be very hard at work.

It will be remembered that some few months ago Dr. Forbes, when on his official sojourn here, invited a meeting of the most influential cotton merchants, both Europeans and natives, to discuss upon the best mode for suppressing adulteration in cotton, which was at the time raging very rampant in this district. The worthy Doctor, after dwelling at some length upon the evils so arising from adulteration, put forward a proposal to establish a cotton market here, which he thought would prove to be a death-blow to adulteration, and at the same time afford his department ample facilities in the execution of its duties. Most of the native, and almost all European, merchants seemed not at all willing to take up the Doctor's proposal and raised many objections against it. He, enraged at this sort of treatment, returned to his fastness in Bombay, cherishing not favourable feelings towards the unfortunate traders of this place.

In the new bill, passed in the Council of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, for the suppression of adulteration in cotton, &c., &c., the Commissioner has been given ample powers to enable him to establish cotton markets in places where he thinks it expedient. A report, for the correctness of which some vernacular papers have vouched, is at present going the rounds here that the Commissioner contemplates opening a market here. The merchants are in consequence panic-stricken. The place fixed upon for the market is situated in an extremity of the town on the east near the railway station.

As I do not at all wish to hazard any opinion upon the expediency of establishing a cotton market here, I will merely confine myself to stating simple facts and would leave your readers to draw their own inferences therefrom.

The town of Broach, as your readers are aware, is the largest place for the production of cotton in the whole of Guzerat. From Broach proper more than 50,000 bales were exported last season to Bombay. More than half the quantity of the above number, of bales was cleaned by Platts Maccarthy gins. There are eight factories here, comprising about 570 gins, only three of which are situated in the neighbourhood of the place said to be fixed upon for the erection of the market, the remaining five being scattered a great distance off. These factories are in themselves small markets, where the merchant brings his kuppas to be ginned, and the cotton he gets from it he packs into bales, and very often sells it to the manager of the mill, who is at the same time an agent for some Bombay firms, and thus he speedily and profitably carries on his transactions in a business-like way. If, on the other hand, the merchant were to take his cotton to an open market, he would, no doubt, be compelled to incur sundry expenses—to engage a number of clerks and peons to keep watch over his property—and very often to effect an earlier sale of his cotton than he would wish. I would here state that all the merchants here have godowns of their own in different parts of the town, where, at present, if the market is depressed, or unfavourable to their expectation, they store up their cotton under lock and key till an opportunity offers.

With regard to native ginned cotton, the ryot sends in from the districts to his agent here the quantity he cleans from time to time, and he, in turn, has to bring his choice of two to an open market, and in nine cases out of ten has to dispose of his produce much against his wishes, as he can rarely afford to live for days together in a strange village, neglecting the duties of his farm, and maintain himself and cattle. But in Guzerat the trade is on a much more improved scale. The ryot sends his cotton to his agent here, who, as I said before, has godowns of his own in a suitable locality, where he stores the cotton he receives from time to time from his customer, and sells it in accordance with his orders; whereas he (the ryot) would no doubt suffer like his brother of Berar if he were made to bring from time to time his small produce to an open market.

I will now, with your permission, say a word or two about the place selected for the erection of the market. The place, as I said before, is situated near the railway station, and at a very great distance from the present place for transacting business. Hence all business in cotton at present takes place in the night, mostly between the hours of 9 P.M. and 1 A.M. I will leave you to imagine how inconvenient and annoying, nay, almost impossible, it would be for the merchants to transact their business in the dead of the night in a desolate place, and in a corner of the town almost at a distance of two or three miles from their respective residences. Bearing in mind the above circumstances, even the general reader will observe plainly how ridiculous it is even to think of establishing a market in an extremity of a town and in a bad locality, when a suitable and convenient place can be picked up in the very heart of it.

At present the great bulk of the produce is brought by the sellers to a place called "Umjad Bagh," situated in the neighbourhood of the Broach Mills, to be weighed on the spot to the buyers. This place is exactly situated in the central portion of this town, and would in time prove to be a good and suitable locality for the establishment of a market if at all necessary.—Yours, &c.,

VERITAS.

Broach, 29th November.

KAMPTEE.

WE learn on good authority that the abolition of Kamptee as a large military cantonment—so long talked of—has been finally determined upon and will be carried out at the end of the current year. A regiment of Native Infantry and a Battery of Horse Artillery will be retained there, the remaining troops being transferred to Secunderabad.

The cantonment of Kamptee has always been an unhealthy one, the site chosen being perhaps the very worst—supposing health to have been one of the objects in view—that could possibly have been selected for the purpose; but in addition to this the extension of the railway to Jubbulpore and the facility of massing troops at any point in Central India, render the continuance of the Kamptee brigade unnecessary.

It was proposed, we believe by Sir W. Mansfield, to transfer the troops from Kamptee to Akola in Berar, but the impolicy of constructing costly barracks in a province over which the line of the British Government is merely that of the usufructuary mortgagee is obvious, whilst the salubrity of the Berars is by no means unquestionable. On the whole, therefore, the selection of Secunderabad seems to be least open to objection.—*Delhi Gazette.*

HIDDEN TREASURE.

(*Central India Times.*)

THE prospects of exhuming the forty crores of treasure by Mr. Ross, in Bijragogurh, have now become very meagre indeed, in consequence of the Officiating Chief Commissioner having negatived *in toto* certain conditions put forward by Mr. Ross. No doubt this will have the effect of discouraging that gentleman in his undertaking. Mr. Ross very conscientiously desires to carry out if possible the wishes of those to whom he is indebted for his information regarding the hidden treasure. One of which is that it was the dying request of the Rajah, by whom this hoard was originally accumulated, that one-fourth of the entire sum discovered should be devoted to charitable purposes, another is the remission of the unexpired portion of the sentence of his informant, who is now a prisoner in the Allahabad Jail, and to whom the Rajah on his deathbed, confided the secret; and lastly, whether in the event of the treasure being found, Government would consent to bear a portion, if not all, of the expense attending its excavation. To all these proposals Mr. Morris has returned a most uncompromising refusal, and we should not be surprised to hear that the whole project has fallen through unless indeed Mr. Ross may be able to obtain his request in communication with the Supreme Government direct.

THE CHANDA COAL FIELD.

REVIEWING the results obtained (writes Dr. Oldham, of the Indian Geological Survey, under date the 18th October last), we find that borings at Chanda, which are represented as having passed through the entire thickness of the coal-bearing rocks there, and to have pierced the Talchir beds below (in which no coal is known), exposed only two thin beds of poor coal, so thin as to be unworkable. While at Ballarpur also, a boring of about the same depth (about 240 feet), said in like manner to have gone through the entire thickness of the coal-bearing rocks and to have pierced the Talchirs, showed also two beds of coal, one of 18 inches, one of 9 inches in thickness.

It need scarcely be said that none of these are workable at the depth at which they occur.

Before these explorations had commenced, Major Lucie Smith, Deputy Commissioner of Chanda, who deserves the hightest credit for the sustained zeal and intelligent earnestness with which he has prosecuted these enquiries, had a pit opened on the bed of coal visible in the Wurda channel, near Googoos, or Chendoor. And from the coal there met with, at a depth of 30 feet below the surface, a considerable quantity was raised for experimental trials to which I will presently refer. As, however, this pit was within the limits of the ordinary flood level of the Wurda, a bore-hole was put down about 330 yards from the bank of the river and nearly in the line of strike of the beds. This bore-hole was carried out by Corporal Carson, of the Public Works Department, under the orders of Major Lucie Smith, Mr. Fryar also assisting. As was tolerably certain at such a distance the coal was found to continue. . . . .

The coal having thus been proved here, a pit was commenced and is now in progress. . . .

As regards the important question of the quality of the coal, several trials have been made. The coal raised from the pit near Gogoos was first sent to the Great Indian Peninsula Railway for trial in their locomotives. The Locomotive Superintendent reported on the 16th April "that the coal was not suitable for locomotive purposes, being very dirty. Out of 1 ton 4 cwt. used there were 6 cwt. of clinker, but very little in the smoke-box, with a load of 4 cotton waggons and one brake. Great quantities of sparks came out from the chimney, and remained on fire for some time. From Boorhanpore to Khundwa, the brake-van alone was attached to the engine, and although the fire had been cleaned at Chandnee station, it had to be cleaned again before getting to Dongergaon (17 miles). We could not get a welding heat with the coal, although it contains great quantities of gas.

The fire-boxes on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway are constructed to suit English coal, and the engineers are accumstomed to its use. There appeared, therefore, sound reason for not admitting this to be a conclusive trial. More coal was raised, and better coal selected, and this was sent to the East Indian Railway at Jubbulpore, some to the works in progress under the Public Works Department at the Kanhan bridge, and also a second supply to the Great Indian Peninsula Railway. The results of these trials are decidedly encouraging. It is said that the coal took the train on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway down as far as Budnaira (100 miles) without difficulty; the engineers were agreeably surprised with its capabilities, but did not "think it quite up to the mark." At the Kanhan bridge works, it was tested in a small portable engine. With Chanda coal steam was got up in 1 hour and 25 minutes with a consumption of 36 lbs., the coal being wet, a strong breeze blowing and rain falling at the time. The coal burnt clear, and freely and very clean, leaving a small residue of gray ash without clinkers, and evaporated on the average 4 lbs. of water per 1 lb. of coal consumed. With English coal steam was raised in 1 hour 35 minutes, with a consumption of 28 lbs., the coal being drier, but small and deteriorated from exposure, but the weather was fine at this part of the day and very little wind. The evaporation was at the rate of 6·5 lbs. of water per 1 lb. of coal." The Chanda coal is specially noted as "burning clean."

The trial on the East Indian Railway was the only one in which the Chanda coal was compared with other Indian coal. "The Locomotive Superintendent reports that the consumption of Chanda coal on two trials was 88½ cwts. and 86 cwts. per 100 miles, against 67 cwts. of Raniguni coal for the same distance. The coal did not work well at first, partly, it appears, owing to the construction of the fire-boxes, and partly, perhaps, to the stormy weather in which one of the trials was made, but it did better afterwards."

These trials show the "duty" of the coal to be as compared with English coal ("small and deteriorated by exposure") as 4 : 6·5, or 61 per cent., or, in other words, it is two-fifths worse than this English coal.

As compared with Raniguni coal, its duty was as 67 to 87 (mean of 88·75 and 85·), or 77 per cent., or nearly one-fourth worse. It is not stated what "Raniguni" coal was in use.

The coal, however, did the work required of it, and in a satisfactory manner.

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MANCHESTER COTTON SUPPLY ASSOCIATION.

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THE annual meeting of the Manchester Cotton Supply Association was held in the Mayor's-parlour, Town-hall, yesterday afternoon, Mr. John Cheetham in the chair. Amongst those present were Sir T. Bazley, Bart., M.P., Mr. Hugh Birley, M.P., Colonel Gray, M.P., Mr. S. R. Graves, M.P., Mr. Ashworth, Mr. Hugh Mason, and Mr. Malcom Ross.

The Secretary (Mr. Isaac Watts) stated that letters of apology for non-attendance had been received from Mr. Jacob Bright, M.P., and Mr. J. B. Smith, M.P., the latter of whom regretted that he could not attend the meeting. He had long endeavoured to impress upon the association the importance of the experiment in the growth of cotton by irrigation. He had received several communications in consequence of his observations on this subject at the meeting in London, and one particularly from Major Ford, superintendent of public works at Berar, who stated that the yield was quadrupled by irrigation, and the quality greatly improved.

The following report was then taken as read :—

"Your committee during the past year have given constant and anxious attention to the best and speediest means of providing increased supplies of cotton, and they venture to believe that the measures which they have adopted will meet with the approbation of their constituents. Driven by the slow progress made by America since the war to recover the position previously attained as a cotton-growing country, and the increasing losses and sufferings experienced by our manufacturers through the scarcity and dearness of the raw material required to keep their mills in operation, your committee have felt constrained to turn their attention afresh to India, and to consider how the production of cotton might there be augmented. The presence in this country of several Government officials from the cotton growing districts of India, with whom your association had previously been in correspondence, and who had done good service in promoting its objects, very opportunely afforded your committee the benefit of their counsels in considering what further practical measures might be adopted with any assurance of success. Repeated conferences were accordingly held with these gentlemen, especially with Mr. Ashburner, collector of Khandeish, whose successful exertions to improve the cotton of that district are so well known ; and the conclusion at which your committee at length arrived was, in the first place, to represent to the Secretary of State for India in Council the measures most likely in their judgment to be speedily effectual in securing an increased growth of cotton in India. They accordingly, in an interview with the Duke of Argyll, recommended that the collectors in the chief cotton districts should be required and authorised to make it a part of their duty to promote an extended and improved cultivation of cotton in their respective collectorates, and that they should be instructed not only to ascertain and report upon the best means of accomplishing the object desired, but aided by competent assistants should take such steps as they might consider best calculated to be beneficial, and, in the event of the recognition of the services thus rendered by these gentlemen, either by pecuniary remuneration or civil distinction should be made by the Government. More particularly, your committee urged that in the districts of the Punjaub, Sind, Guzerat, Hingunghat, Berar, and the South Mahratta country, and in the cotton districts in the presidency of Madras and Bengal, Government should place under the care of the local officers and well qualified assistants, a plot of land, of say 10 or 20 acres, for the purpose of experimental cotton cultivation, with exotic and selected indigenous seed and various kinds of manure found to be so successful in the Southern States of America, in such way your committee believe that improved methods of cultivation, the use of implements and machinery for economising labour, would be brought under the notice of the ryots, and would be productive of great benefit. Your committee regret to report that the reply of the Government to their recommendations, whilst expressing willingness to comply as far as practicable with the representations of your association, did not fully realise their expectations, and did not evince as much readiness as it was hoped would be shown, to act at once upon the suggestions which had been made. Your therefore considered it necessary, in a further communication, to reiterate and again urge their recommendations upon the attention of Government, and to this a reply has been recently received, containing the assurance 'that the practical suggestions made by your association shall receive the careful attention of the Duke of Argyll in communication with the Government of India.' Your committee, deeply concerned at the long continued depression experienced in the cotton districts, and moved by the painful spectacle presented by the enforced idleness and emigration of so many industrious operatives, invited, before the close of last session, a conference of members of the House of Commons and others connected with the cotton industry, for the consideration of measures relating to the agricultural and commercial interests of India, and increased supply of cotton from that country. In response to this invitation, a numerous and influential meeting was held in London, and, after careful consideration, it was unanimously resolved to recommend to the Government of India that £10,000,000 per annum during the next five years should be expended upon public works of a remunerative character, and which have been proved to be necessary for the agricultural development of that country, and that Boards of agriculture should be established in each presidency, with a view to the introduction of improved methods of cultivation, including ploughs and other implements, the proper selection of seeds and the use of fertilisers, which have proved so useful both in England and America, as well as for the purpose of obtaining correct statistics. Encouraged by the great interest which the present Governor-General of India has manifested in the development of the resources of the country placed under his control, and by the special solicitude which he has shown to promote an improved and extended cultivation of cotton, and to provide readier means of transport, your committee resolved to memorialise his excellency in council, and to recommend the formation of a department of agriculture in each of the three presidencies, to ensure the carrying out of all practicable methods of improvements, to provide the necessary assistants, to collect statistics, receive and transmit reports, and do all that may be expedient for the full attainment of the objects desired by your association. Also, that the railways into the cotton districts, which would give readier access to markets, and afford additional facilities of transport, such as two short branches to connect the great cotton marts of Khangaon and Oomrawuttee with the Great India Peninsular main line, a branch from Ahmedabad to Veerumgaum and Wadwan, one from Ahmedabad towards Deesa, and a line from the port of Carwar on the Malabar coast to Hoobles and Dharwar, should have the precedence, and be constructed with as little delay as possible out of whatever funds may be allotted annually for the construction of railways in India. And further, that works of irrigation, and roads where needed and likely to increase the production of cotton should be quickly provided, and that all projects of this nature which may be brought forward in the cotton-growing districts should receive primary attention. Your committee having had their attention directed to the important results obtained by the use of fertilisers in the cotton fields of the United States, by means of which a considerable increase in the yield per acre is said to be obtained, resolved to send to India a quantity of artificial manures, with instructions to have careful experiments made with it in different districts, and upon different kinds of soil, both with and without irrigation, for the purpose of demonstrating the possibility of obtaining an increased production of cotton, without placing more land under cultivation. This manure arriving too late to be used in the way at first intended, is now being applied to the growing crops in a liquid state, under the intelligent and careful supervision of the cotton commissioners, Dr. Forbes and Mr. H. Rivett-Carnac, Mr. Hope, collector of Kaira, Mr. Borradaile, collector of Ahmedabad, and Captain Moore, cotton department in the same district, Mr. Ashburner, collector of Khandeish and the superintendent of the government model farm in that district, the government gardeners and assistants to cotton commissioner at Sheagaum, Hingunghat, and Oomrawuttee, Mr. A. Whittle, cotton agent and experienced cultivator, Veerumgaum, and several Manlutdars who have undertaken its distribution amongst the ryots. Your committee being anxious to encourage all attempts to promote the improvement of Indian cotton, offered, for the best samples at the Broach Exhibition, 20 silver medals, together with money prizes varying from £2 to £10 each, which were duly awarded, and the samples have been sent to your association. Your committee rejoice to learn that the exertions made by the United States to increase the production of cotton, justify the expectation of increased supplies from that quarter, and that the new system of free labour is gradually becoming more satisfactory, and giving assurance that eventually it will prove fully as efficient as that which it has superseded. Your association has always endeavoured to show the Southern planters that, whilst impelled by powerful considerations to promote the growth in all other countries, and especially in India and other dominions of the British crown, no jealousy is entertained with respect to the renewed exertions of the United States, nor any desire that less cotton should be produced by them than formerly. On the contrary your committee regard with satisfaction the progress which has already been made, and will hail the success of the efforts which are now employed to overcome the difficulties which still exist. Although it is not the business of your association to direct emigration from this country, your committee would recommend those who do emigrate from Europe to turn their attention to the South, and after careful preliminary inquiries to consider the expediency of establishing themselves in those cotton states in which the climate may be suitable for white settlers, and thus aid those who with indomitable energy are endeavouring to raise the American crop to at least five millions of bales. Your committee are gratified to find that Egypt continues to make successful exertions as a cotton-growing country, and that the Khedive displays unabated solicitude to encourage and extend the cultivation of this valuable description of cotton. It comes forward honestly packed, and the quality has been well maintained, and your committee indulge the hope that the quantity will be steadily increased from year to year, in proportion as the necessity for growing cereals becomes diminished by additional and more ready means of importing food. Your committee fully believe that under the energetic administration of its present government, Egypt will continue to occupy a prominent rank amongst the countries which have most successfully responded to our appeal for more adequate supplies of cotton. Your committee have witnessed with much gratification the steady progress which has been made in the growth of cotton in the Brazils. The advance has been very considerable, and no country perhaps has come forward so successfully to aid us in providing adequate supplies of cotton. Great improvement has been effected in its growth and preparation, although the continued use of saw-gins is much to be deplored and tends to prevent Brazillian cotton from being regarded with so much favour as it otherwise would be if the Macarthy gin were used. In connection with the Brazils your committee must make special mention of the province of Sao Paulo, which since it first began, from the seed sent out by your association to produce cotton some seven years ago, has steadily continued to supply our markets with the valuable description known as 'Santos,' and should the expectations formed of this year's crop be realised, the province of Sao Paulo will have exported half as much again as all Brazil exported before the late American war. Your committee regret to be unable to express satisfaction with the progress of cotton cultivation in the Ottoman empire. The sanguine hopes which they formerly entertained have not been realised, although much excellent cotton, especially from the American seed which has been scattered over the country, is produced ; and there are still all the materials existing for making Turkey a highly prolific and valuable source of cotton supply. There is reason to believe that this year's crop will be larger than the last, but there is no doubt that much more might be done than has hitherto been accomplished, and it is not too much to expect that at least a million of bales should be produced. If the 'government were more efficient and able to carry out its decrees with respect to roads, tithes, and local facilities for the production and transport of cotton—if the petty hindrances still existing were removed—if there were better methods of agriculture, and a more extensive use of American seed, which has proved eminently successful, the soil and climate are so well adapted to the growth of cotton that we might reasonably look for a very large increase. Your committee hope that the government may still be induced to make fresh exertions to establish an industry of so much value and importance. In Queensland, the Cape of Good Hope, Peru, Tahiti, and other minor sources of cotton supply, your committee are gratified to find that energetic exertions to make the growth of cotton permanent and successful continue to be made, and it is believed that the imports from all these quarters will steadily increase. The countries which, in addition to the United States, are now earnestly and successfully engaged in the growth of cotton are so numerous, and have such powerful inducements to persevere, that it is impossible to believe that the supply of cotton can long continue to be inadequate. Your committee have the highest satisfaction in placing upon record the noble proposal made by Miss Burdett Coutts shortly after the last annual meeting of your association. That lady, having observed from the speeches and statements then made that the supply of cotton was by no means so large and secure as could be desired, expressed her anxiety, in a letter addressed spontaneously to Sir Thos. Bazley, Bart., to promote still further the work of your association, and generously offered to place the sum of £500 at the disposal of your committee, to be expended upon such special efforts as it might at this juncture be thought useful to make. 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